

Medler receives conditional sentence

Ex-Golden Hawk pleads guilty; still plans to enter CFL draft

CAITLIN HOWLETT
Editor-in-Chief

Derek Medler will serve his sentence at home. The former Wilfrid Laurier University running back received an 18-month conditional sentence on Thursday October 7 for his involvement in a November 23, 2003 shooting.

Medler pleaded guilty to being an accessory after the fact to attempted murder. He was also originally charged with forcible confinement, pointing a firearm, possession of a prohibited loaded firearm and possession of a dangerous weapon.

It was less than one year ago that the shooting of Johnny (Bounsouei) Xaysy occurred in Xaysy's own home and within days, Medler was linked to the incident.

For the first nine months of his sentence, Medler will be under strict house arrest. He will be allowed to leave for work, church and to workout for an hour and a half each day. For the last nine months of his sentence, he will have a curfew of 11 pm to 6 am. Medler was also given 125 hours of community service.

According to the Crown prosecutor, Lowell Hunking, as reported by *The Record*, a man identified only as "Jung" ordered three men to visit the home of a rival group to tell them: "No longer deal drugs in Kitchener." This came about after Medler had incurred a drug debt of \$17,000.

Medler was in the Super 8 Motel room when "Jung" gave three men a sawed-off shotgun and a handgun.

Medler's attorney, Brian Greenspan, told Justice Gary Hearn that he [Medler] was unaware of the amount of violence that was to ensue, and did not go along with the others, reported *The Record*.

Medler gave refuge to three of the suspects, moving them to various motels and a friend's home for eight days after the incident occurred.

"He is moving on with his life."

- Peter Baxter, Director of Laurier Athletics and Recreation

The Crown asked for a two-year jail sentence, but Greenspan felt the 23 year-old would be well-suited for a conditional sentence since the incident was out of character. "This was truly a one-time event in his life," Greenspan said defending his client, as reported by *The Record*.

"It is a tragic story, it is something that in terms of this [Medler's] chapter in his life, that is really been turned upside down," said Peter Baxter, Director of Laurier Athletics and Recreation, who continued, "he is moving on with his life."

Manager of Football Operations & Head Coach, Gary

Jeffries, along with Dean of Students, David McMurray, refused to comment on Medler's sentencing. McMurray however did note, "I think that [Medler's involvement in the shooting] is part of the past."

Editorial reaction page 6

With slow justice, did Laurier judge too quickly?

The former all-star football player plans to register for the CFL draft. He was suspended from Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) for four years when he tested positive for cocaine and metabolites in a random drug test conducted by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport on November 8, 2003. The news of the drug test was revealed exactly one month later, but his suspension was retroactive to the date when the test was administered. Despite this incident, Medler has been voluntarily submitting to drug testing to ensure he is able to register for the draft without complications.

In the 2003 season, Medler finished second in the CIS in rushing yards and his notable talent on the football field had made him a top CFL prospect.

With files from The Record, Fraser King, Cord News Editor, Bryn Boyce, Cord Opinion Editor

The Medler Case Timeline

November 23, 2003

John (Bounsouei) Xaysy, 21, shot in the abdomen and leg at his Kitchener home on Nov. 23

November 27, 2003

Bernard Thamvongs, 23, arrested and charged with attempted murder, assault with a weapon, robbery with a firearm, break, enter and commit and 2 counts of forcible confinement in relation to Nov. 23 shooting

December 5

Medler arrested and charged with forcible confinement and accessory after the fact in relation to Nov. 23 shooting of John Xaysy
Expelled from Laurier after first two charges shortly after Dec. 5

December 15

After another court appearance, Medler receives three additional charges: pointing a firearm, possession of a prohibited loaded firearm and possession of a dangerous weapon
Chuyen Nguyen, 19, and Ouyen Van Dam, 38, are also charged with attempted murder, assault with a weapon, robbery and forcible confinement

May 2004

Weapons charges dropped against Medler

October 7 2004

Medler pleads guilty to accessory to murder after the fact and receives 18-month conditional sentence to be served at home along with 125 hours of community service



www.laurierathletics.com

Medler will not serve time in prison, but will be under very strict house arrest for 18 months.

Turret breathalyzer motion update turns into debate

Full-time staff recommendations spark BOD discourse in what was meant to be a simple update

FRASER KING
News Editor

What began as an update on a Board of Directors' motion at last week's meeting erupted into a heated discussion that left no one satisfied, and still no underage students in the Turret.

The WLUSU full-time staff returned their recommendations on the alcohol screening device (breathalyzer) situation at the Turret Nightclub. The recommendations included \$12,000 for screening devices and almost \$7,000 for additional staff to operate the devices.

"[The full time staff] took my number and multiplied it by four and then added a little bit on top of it to give some freedom," said WLUSU Director Fraser McCracken.

Lyndsey Jones, Chair of the

Board of Directors, noted that "the [full time staff] had done their research and it differed greatly than the research that had been done in support of the motion. I think that is what spurred the prolonged discussion."

"They highballed my highball figure, but I don't fault the full-time staff at all, it was miscommunication on my part."

- Fraser McCracken, WLUSU Director

While the original motion allocated \$2,500 toward the purchase and operation of an alcohol-screening device, McCracken noted that communication was a

big problem. "They highballed my highball figure, but I don't fault the full-time staff at all, it was miscommunication on my part."

The main core of the discussion between BOD members was the new costs that the full-time staff recommended. "They had a problem with the amount," noted McCracken. "I am pretty sure the new number was the cause of the disagreement."

Jones brought the discussion to a stop after almost an hour of discourse. "It was going to go in circles for a long, long time," noted Jones.

McCracken was happy that the discussion was cut short. "It gave me a chance to go back and look at the communication lines and take a look at the research." The BOD has had a chance to look at the new information and will be able to discuss any possible changes to the motion in the future. "It gave us a chance to re-evaluate the facts," said McCracken

- Please see **Turret**, page 2

Still time to party with Hans



Caitlin Howlett

Onkle Hans made his annual appearance in the Oktoberfest Parade this past Monday. Oktoberfest continues the rest of the week at local arenas and halls. Go get prosit.

EDITOR'S PICK...

Visit *The Cord's* Student Life section for this week's installment of *Discover...* where staff writer Amy Mallet 'discovers' Waterloo Park and all it has to offer, including the park swings and llamas... Page 15

Bookstore cracks down on infringers

Insignia must be used with permission, managers tell clubs

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
News Editor

The Laurier Bookstore has found groups on campus using Laurier's trademarked logos illegally, and if further unlawful use becomes rampant, the University may be forced to take legal action.

"There have been groups known to be on the Concourse that have been selling shirts," says Anita Moran, Clothing and Gifts Buyer for the Laurier Bookstore, "and we know what we have produced and what we haven't produced for groups on campus."

"If it becomes something that is rampant, then we need to pursue it."

- Kristina Manzi, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator, Laurier Bookstore

One of these groups was the men's Laurier Lacrosse Club, who was selling T-shirts as a fundraiser.

"I didn't even know for sure

Nolan (Teddy) Barchiesi, Team Captain. "I made [the logo] on my computer."

"We try to police it where we can," says Kristina Manzi, Marketing and Promotions Coordinator for the Laurier Bookstore. She says that some people have been approached, but no legal action has been taken. However, "if it becomes something that is rampant, then we need to pursue it."

The Lacrosse Club, however, was not approached according to Barchiesi.

Under Wilfrid Laurier University's official policies, any names and insignia related to the University is an official registered trademark under the Trademarks Act of Canada. This includes Golden Hawks, WLU Hawks, academic crests and Laurier logos.

If any group or individual does not adhere to policy, Security Services can confiscate any unsold products and the University has the right to take disciplinary action.

Manzi adds that the University could also require groups to pay royalty fees.

"The idea is to come through us, because we're the exclusive

LAURIER



LACROSSE



Nolan Barchiesi

This logo was used on T-shirts and sold as a fundraiser for the men's Lacrosse team. "Take it easy... Laurier is on the five dollar bill too," says Barchiesi.

University has designated," she says.

If a particular group chooses to have their merchandise produced elsewhere, policy states that they are required to fill out a form and pay seven percent of the selling price in royalty fees to WLU.

Manzi says, "If there is a company trying to undersell us, they also have responsibility in this."

Since the summer, Bookstore management has made contact with two retail outlets that have printed merchandise with the Laurier name on it. Moran confirms that one company is in Kitchener and one in Toronto.

"They have had to take their merchandise off the shelves because it didn't go through us," says Moran.

Although one might ask why a public institution such as a university would enforce the payment of royalties for use of their name and logo, Moran says that it is a common situation among several schools.

"You'll notice that many other universities do have their names trademarked," she says.

The reasoning behind this, notes the policy, is to "ensure the appropriate control" over what is presented to the public. University insignia are "important assets which are capable of generating both revenue and increased name recognition for

the institution," the policy reads.

Manzi agrees that the use is "no different than [by] a corporation."

But the Bookstore is anything but against helping students to create something that bears the Laurier name.

"The idea is to come through us, because we're the exclusive commercial outlet that the University has designated."

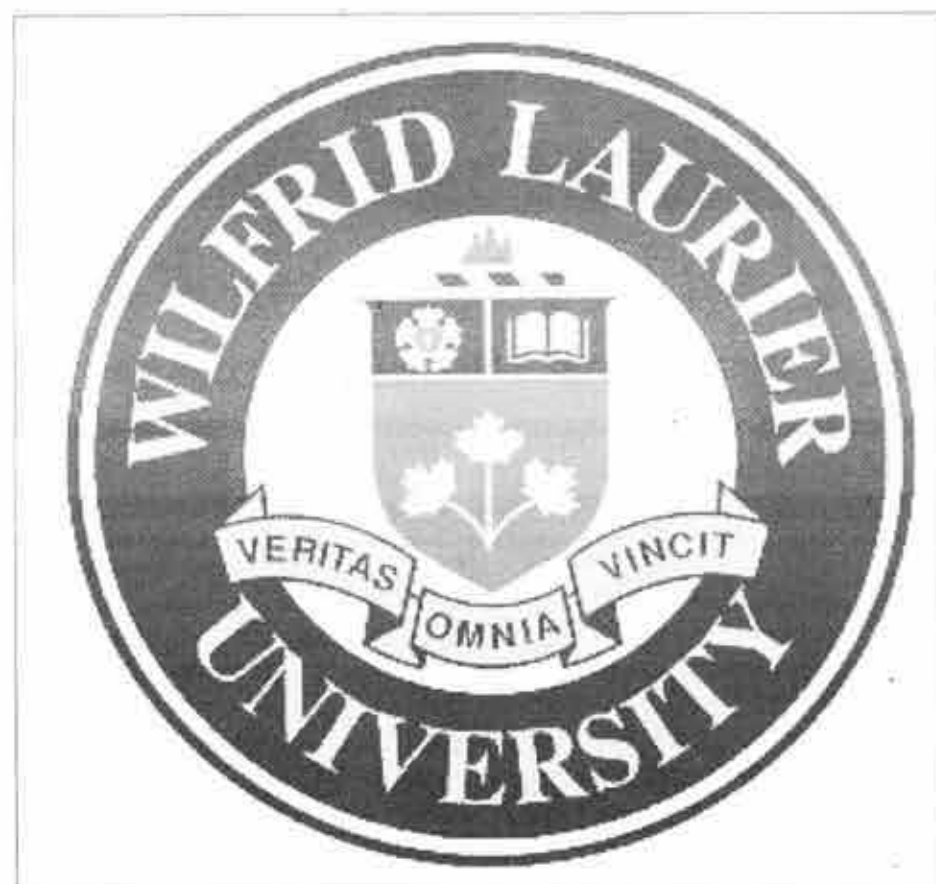
- Manzi

"We've been known to match any price that's out there," says Moran.

The policy recognizes the need for university clubs and groups to fundraise using the Laurier logos, but trademark fees are still a requirement.

And that includes Barchiesi's lacrosse team, in their attempt at fundraising through T-shirt sales. "We're the only team that doesn't get funding from the school," he says. "We have to come up with ways to make money."

RETRACTION: In the October 6 edition of *The Cord Weekly*, the article "New Tim's at King St. Residence" read that the new King Street Residence Tim Horton's was accessible to all students and faculty. This location is only accessible to those students who live in the residence, and faculty and staff who have OneCard access to the building. *The Cord* regrets this error.



you had to get permission," says commercial outlet that the

This is the officially trade-marked WLU academic crest. According to Laurier policy, you must pay royalties to reproduce it. We didn't.

Turret procedure unknown

WLUSU Managers and President try to push breathalyzer timeline to Winter Term; BOD members push for underage access

- Turret, from cover

While the discussion was ended prematurely, Jones was optimistic about the underage policy at the Turret. "One thing that came out from the meeting last week was that Directors were opening options that did not nec-

essarily include the alcohol screening test," said Jones, continuing, "As far as I know [last year's method] is going to be one of the options."

Jones noted that at next week's BOD meeting on October 20, a list of options is coming back, including the alcohol-screening test. "I absolutely think

the [alcohol screening test] is a good idea," said McCracken, continuing, "I certainly hope we are not going to be re-engaged in a fight over cost."

"Underage policy is a very high priority issue for the BOD, for myself, and for management."

- Fraser McCracken, WLUSU Director

The recommendations brought forward by the full-time

staff may result in delays in the implementation of an underage policy.

"I hope it is implemented before second semester. If it is not I would hope there will be an interim solution," said McCracken. "[Underage policy] is a very high priority issue for the BOD, for myself, and for management."

Currently underage patrons are still not allowed at the Turret on bar nights. A stable timeline for the implementation should be available after the BOD meeting on October 20.

CORD clippings

NATIONAL Strike One

Members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada walked out on strike after a midnight deadline was reached, reports *The Detroit Free Press*. The alliance, which represents upwards of 125,000 people will affect anyone looking to get upper-echelon bureaucracy taken care of, such as passport renewal and visa extensions. While the strike is a large one, PSAC president Nycole Turmel said, "we're not talking about weeks here," further noting, "we're talking about hours and days."

PROVINCIAL Work it

The National Post reports that the Liberal Government has started a legislative session this passed Tuesday. "We're going to be busy; don't make any vacation plans for February," said government house leader Dwight Duncan. 17 pieces of legislation are awaiting debate and upwards of 12 other pieces of legislation to arise in the coming months. "There's a huge volume of legislation, some of it high-profile, controversial stuff," said Duncan.

LOCAL No Ticket Tonight

A panel acquitted a Kitchener driver because photos of his vehicle taken by a red-light camera did not clearly show the date, time and location, as required by law, reports *CTV.ca News*. While all Ontario drivers may challenge any traffic ticket, "I think all the tickets issued previously are still right," he said. "We just need to move on to fix whatever the technical issues are," said Ontario Transportation Minister Harinder Takhar. A committee has been set up at Queen's Park to investigate the problem with the cameras and make the appropriate changes.

Compiled by Fraser King

TURRET TIMELINE

- September 5, 2004
 - alternatives to longstanding Turret policy are discussed
- September 6 - 10, 2004
 - O-week given special event status, underagers allowed in
- September 11, 2004
 - no underage procedure in place
- September 24, 2004
 - alcohol screening motion passed by WLUSU BOD
- October 6, 2004
 - new information from full-time staff, alcohol screening delayed
- Present Time
 - no underage access to Turret
- October 20, 2004
 - new procedure put in place?

THE CORD WEEKLY'S... 7 DAY ACTION NEWS WEATHER FORECAST



Today		Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Afternoon:	Evening:						
Showers - 10°C 40% POP	Rain - 14°C 90% POP	Light Rain High 12°C - Low 7°C 80% POP	Light Rain High 10°C - Low 7°C 60% POP	Sun and Cloud High 10°C - Low 5°C 40% POP	Cloudy Periods High 9°C - Low 3°C 10% POP	Cloudy High 12°C - Low 4°C 30% POP	Sunny High 10°C - Low 5°C 0% POP

Pilot Pita frustrated with OneCard pita monopoly

Owners express anger when initial application for OneCard brushed off by University

APRIL CUNNINGHAM
News Editor

When three young entrepreneurs opened Pilot Pita in the plaza beside the new King Street Residence last June, they had big hopes for serving Laurier OneCard users.

But when they approached the University, they were warned that they would be turned down.

"We were told when we talked to them that we would get refused right off the bat," says Jacob Watt, part owner and operator of the pita joint.

It was a disappointment, says Watt, because they realized the potential of the huge pool of student money that was available to OneCard businesses.

So the three decided to write a letter addressed to the Students' Union that expressed their con-

cern about the lack of choice to students when it comes to businesses on the card (see Letters, page 9).

"There's maybe only 15 businesses that can access it," says Watt. "You're talking about millions and millions of dollars."

Watt also believes that students would benefit from the competition between businesses. "I don't want to slag the Pita Shack or anything," he says, "just from people's feedback we hear 'you guys [Pilot Pita] are way better than the Pita Shack.'"

"Once you have that guaranteed income, you no longer have to win the people over," he adds. "The competition for quality and service all of a sudden is not important because you have that guaranteed income."

Dan Dawson, General Manager of Student Services for

Wilfrid Laurier, is also the Chair of the Food Services Management Board Committee. He agrees that competition is a good thing, but there is a greater concern that the pool of OneCard money stays within a close proximity of the school so that it is in "the best interest of students."

For example, he notes that the Students' Union relies on profits from the businesses to offset their services and Food Services aims to break even.

"If those goals can't be met, the burden would be passed on to students," he says.

So Laurier is constantly trying to protect its own businesses first. "We don't want businesses that are on the OneCard to cannibalize each other," says Dawson.

As for Pilot Pita, Dawson says he's not even aware that they had officially asked.

He did, however say that in the past, a business named Extreme Pita had wanted to be on the OneCard but was turned down because of "the proximity to campus and the success of the

Pita Shack."

But Watt is still angry. He says that he has received many requests from students for them to get OneCard access.

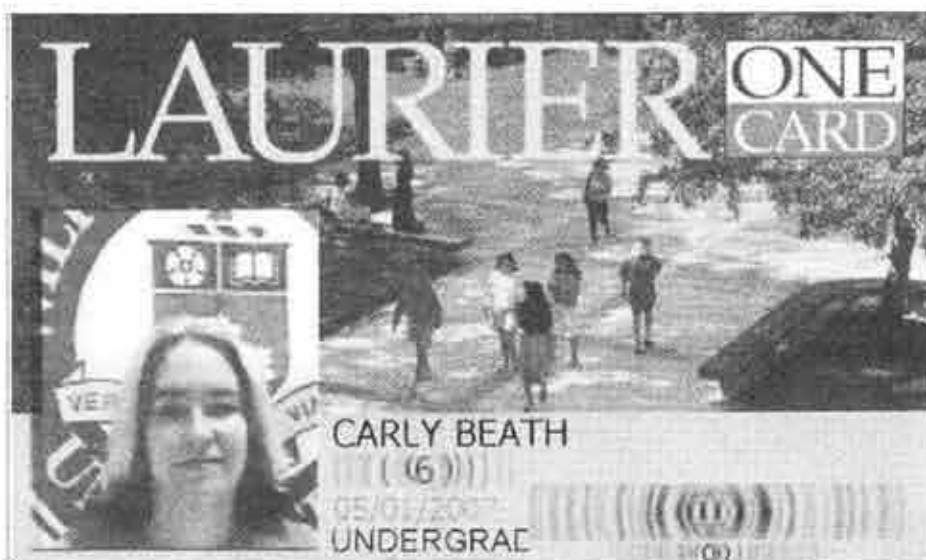
"Whatever students want to put on their card, they should do that," he says.

And, he says, for a student-run business like the Pita Shack,

the last thing the school should teach them is how to run a monopoly.

"You don't really have to care because you're guaranteed business," he says.

The OneCard System Manager is Nick Tomljenovic, but he was unavailable for comment.



Graphic by Fraser King

The OneCard is used by students to purchase goods and services on and around the Laurier campus. Some local businesses are angry because they are being rejected by the University.

News Bites

Counterfeits strike again

Counterfeit \$100 bills have found their way into circulation, report Waterloo Regional Police. The bills have been passed in the Cambridge area. Police say the high quality fakes depict bank notes from the 1979 series and their serial numbers begin with 'AJ' or 'AD'. A white male between the ages of 35 and 40 is suspected to be involved with the circulation of these counterfeit bills. He is said to be six feet tall, to have a large build, a scruffy face and dark hair. The suspect was last identified to be wearing overalls. Those with information

should contact the Fraud Branch at (519) 653-7700 ext. 8756 or fraudbranch@wrps.on.ca.

Laurier Brantford sees first Director of Student Services

Ingrid Goll, who has been the Manager of Health Services at Laurier's Waterloo campus for the past four years, is taking on the position of Director of Student Services at Laurier Brantford. In her new role, she will be the head of Residential Services, Counseling Services, Career Services, Health Services, Accessible Learning, Athletics and Cultural Services. In a Laurier Press Release, Leo Groarke, Dean of Laurier Brantford said, "She brings to the campus a solid background in student services, positive rela-

tions with the student services departments on our Waterloo campus, and an interest in the development of a comprehensive range of services for Brantford students."

Squirrel causes outage

A life of a city squirrel was tragically lost after he wandered his way to a set of power switches at the Mary Johnston school in Waterloo and took out a transformer station, reported *The Record*. The squirrel's mischief caused a power failure, which affected 5,400 residents south of Columbia and west of King streets on Sunday morning. Roast squirrel for Thanksgiving dinner, anyone?

Compiled by April Cunningham

Around this time in Laurier History

ON-CAMPUS PARKING CONCERNS ARISE

Friday, October 12, 1990

Students and faculty were reported to have had trouble finding places to part on campus. The Business Office sold 440 parking permits for student spaces when there were only 367 available.

Faculty had even more trouble finding places to park since 950 gold permits were sold for just 492 spaces. *The Cord* said that people were forced to find creative ways of obtaining their rightful parking spots.

"Some people have even stooped to placing a note in their windshields saying that they were going to buy a permit when they had no intention to buy one at all," or "that they had car trouble."

April Cunningham

WLUSU'S NEW BEER

Thursday October 16, 1997

WLUSU President Stew Wong unveiled Laurier's own brand of beer, Hawkeye Gold, at Wilf's on October 8, 1997. David Playfair, the Wilf's Manager, said "Laurier students will now be among the first students in Canada who are able to taste the pride." The beer, which was produced by Trafalgar Brewery was made at no cost to the University. The idea of a unique beer to Laurier was initiated by the manager of Wilf's and the Turret. When asked of the quality of the beer, second year student Matt MacIntosh said: "Hawkeye Gold is not bad but it would be better if the taste was stronger and the beer was cold."

Fraser King

What do you do!?!?



...when the kegs run dry?
Don't miss the final chapter
of the Cord's three part
expose on Keggers at WLU!
Coming next week!

Teacher Education in HAWAII, Australia & New Zealand

Apply Now for 2005

These programs are valid in Canada.
An experience of a lifetime!

CANTEACH Educational Consultants

Call Toll Free: 1-866-488-6700 • E-mail: mike@canteach.net • www.canteach.net

Volunteer with The Friends Program

Volunteer a few hours weekly during the school day and make a life long difference to a child. Volunteers are matched by the Canadian Mental Health Association with children who need additional support at school. Friends operates in partnership with the local school boards and helps children 4 - 15 years.

Call 744-7645 ext 317

LSAT MCAT GMAT GRE Preparation Seminars

- Complete 30-Hour Seminars
 - Proven Test-Taking Strategies
 - Personalized Professional Instruction
 - Comprehensive Study Materials
 - Simulated Practice Exams
 - Free Repeat Policy
 - Personal Tutoring Available
 - Thousands of Satisfied Students
- Oxford Seminars**
1-800-269-6719
416-924-3240

www.oxfordseminars.com

Cord Action News Hotline?!



THE CORD WEEKLY



President: Craig Radcliffe
VP: Finance: Arthur Wong
VP: Advertising: Angela Finner
Human Resources: Hendra Salm
Chair of the Board: Tunde Ighi
Vice Chair: Jonell Smother
Board of Directors: Mike D'Almeida, Eden Orbach, Jordan Jostin

The Cord Weekly is the official student newspaper of Wilfrid Laurier University. It is an editorially independent newspaper published by Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications, Waterloo, a corporation without share capital. WLUSP is governed by its board of directors.

Opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect those of the Editorial Board, The Cord, WLUSP, WLU or Hamilton Web Printing.

Cord subscription rates are \$20.00 per term for addresses within Canada. The Cord is printed by Hamilton Web Printing and is published every Wednesday.

Wilfrid Laurier University Student Publications
75 University Avenue West
Waterloo, Ontario, N2L 3C5
(519) 884-1970 ext. 3564
Fax: (519) 883-0873
Advertising: (519) 884-1970 ext. 3560
www.wlusp.com
e-mail: cord@wlusp.com

Bag O' CRIME

ATTEMPT BREAK & ENTER

9:00pm Tuesday October 5
A faculty member reported that she had observed four youths attempting to gain access into an office area on the second floor of the Science Building. When she questioned them they became evasive and left the area. A search of the area did not locate the suspects. Four suspects matching the description given were observed a short time later on security cameras at St. Michael's campus trying a door. Officers responded but the indi-

viduals were gone by the time officers arrived.

BREAK, ENTER & THEFT

7:00pm Tuesday October 5
Person(s) unknown broke into three offices at the Science Building. A small amount of money was taken from one of the offices. Nothing appears to have been removed from the other two.

MISCHIEF

11:40pm Tuesday October 5
Residence staff reported that per-

son(s) unknown had placed a bucket of water behind a door at Bricker Residence. When the door was opened the water spilled onto the floor.

FIRE DEPT RESPONSE

4:02pm Wednesday October 6
Waterloo Fire Dept responded to an alarm at Bouckaert Hall. The cause of the alarm was determined to be a pot that was left unattended on the stove in one of the lounges.

THEFT UNDER \$5000

2:15am Thursday October 7
While on patrol officers observed an unidentified male carrying a chair on King St. outside the Science Building. On seeing the officers the suspect dropped the chair and fled.

ASSIST POLICE

3:05am Friday October 8
Regional Police requested assistance in dealing with a WLU student on Beech St who they report started a fire in a blue recycling box in the middle of the road. The matter will be sent to the Judicial Affairs Council.

SUSPICIOUS PERSON

9:30pm Friday October 8
Officers responded to the lounge in the Nichols Centre after receiving a report of a suspicious looking male. The area was searched but no one could be found.

THEFT UNDER \$5000

October 8 - October 11
A resident of Waterloo College Hall reported that her bicycle had

been stolen from the bike rack outside the building.

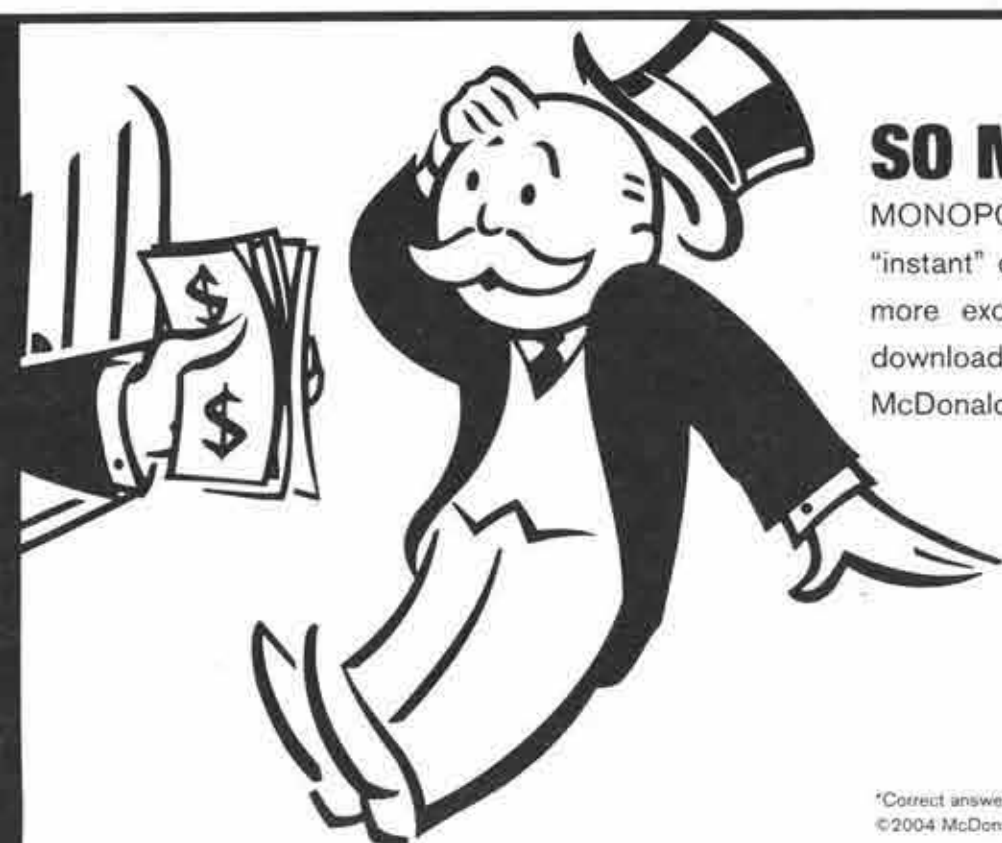
BREAK, ENTER & THEFT

October 8 - October 11
A resident at University Place reported that person(s) unknown had stolen her lap top computer from her room while she was away for the weekend.

FIRE DEPT RESPONSE

7:45pm Monday October 11
Waterloo Fire Department responded to an alarm at Little House. The cause of the alarm was determined to be burned food in the kitchen area.

There were no streakers on campus this week, unlike UW, where seven streakers were reported seen on campus.



SO MANY PRIZES. SO LITTLE TIME.

MONOPOLY® is back at McDonald's® with more ways to play than ever before. You can play for "instant" or "collect and win"® prizes worth millions in cash, electronics and other stuff. For even more excitement, visit playatmcd.com for additional chances to win* cool electronics and downloadable prizes just by entering the code found on every MONOPOLY® Game stamp. McDonald's MONOPOLY®, good times, great prizes.



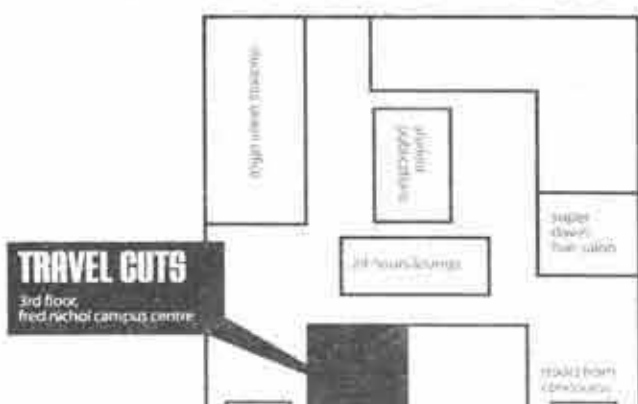
MONOPOLY® IS BACK.

*Correct answer to a skill-testing question is required. See Official Rules for full Game and Prize details and conditions. While supplies last.
© 2004 McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited. MONOPOLY: ®, TM & © 2004 Hasbro, Inc. All rights reserved.

DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS TO GET A GREAT DEAL...



Find Travel CUTS here...



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

LONDON HEATHROW	from \$399
MOSCOW/ZAGREB	from \$699
SAO PAULO/RIO	from \$779
TEL AVIV	from \$795
JAKARTA/BALI	from \$1229
HONG KONG	from \$1075

GREAT ISIC SAVINGS

VIA Rail Canada 6 Pak!		
Save 50% on the purchase of 3 round trip regular adult fare tickets with your valid ISIC card!		
Kitchener to:	VIA Regular Fare (per round trip)	Travel CUTS 6-Pak (per round trip)
Montreal	\$252	\$126
Ottawa	\$228	\$114
Kingston	\$148	\$74
London	\$42	\$22
Toronto	\$48	\$24

Pick up your ISIC card at the Travel CUTS office listed below!

NORTH AMERICA FLIGHTS

VANCOUVER	from \$99
WINNIPEG	from \$96
CALGARY	from \$167
ST JOHN'S	from \$129
NEW YORK	from \$69
LOS ANGELES	from \$99

PACK IT IN! GET HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

Book now to avoid disappointment and high prices! With Christmas just around the corner, now is the time to take advantage of Travel CUTS' Canada Best Price Guarantee. Let us do the work for you!

"Canada Best Price Guaranteed"!

We will beat ANY valid airfare on the web for travel within Canada.

*Printed quote required.

TRAVEL TALKS

Visit www.travelcuts.com for a list of free Travel Talks or other great events coming up in your area!

HOT OFFERS

Puerto Plata \$580pp
Last Minute! November 1st departure
Allegro Playa Dorada - All-Inclusive (7 nights)

Montreal Package! \$223pp
VIA Rail, 2 nights quad hotel & breakfasts
Double occupancy \$256pp

BUY WESTJET TICKETS AND EARN MORE CHANCES TO WIN!
Visit www.travelcuts.com for more details.

INSURANCE

Would you run with scissors?

Then why would you travel without insurance?

Travel CUTS exclusive
BON VOYAGE
insurance covers you.

comprehensive • medical • accident • baggage

Wilfrid Laurier University, Fred Nichols Campus Centre,
3rd Floor – 886-8228
www.travelcuts.com 1-888-FLY-CUTS

TRAVEL CUTS
See the world your way

Opt-in Extended!

Still more time to win a **FREE** trip to *Montreal* for you and a friend when you **opt-in** to the *Phone Cord*

Log on to telaris.wlu.ca and opt-in to win before **Oct 27**

For more information on how to opt-in, please call 884-0710 x 3564 or email phone@wlusp.com

All names of those students who opt-in to the Phone Cord will be entered into a draw for the trip. All WLUSP volunteers are ineligible to win the trip or any other prizes associated with opt-in to the Phone Cord.

Courtesy...

 **TRAVEL CUTS**
See the world your way

wilfrid laurier university
wlu **SP**
student publications

THE CORD WEEKLY

EDITORIAL BOARD

Editor-in-Chief
Caitlin Howlett
Production Manager
Brandon Currie
News Editors
April Cunningham
Fraser King

Opinion Editor
Bryn Boyce
International Editor
Kris Cote
Entertainment Editor
Carly Beath
Sports Editor
Bryan Shinn

Features Editor
Michelle Pinchev
Student Life Editor
Jennifer Asselin
Arts Editor
Stefan J. Sereda
Special Projects Editor
Colin Duffett

STAFF

Production Assistants: Ananthan Sundaresan, Miranda MacDonald, Sarah Schreier, Janet Linsman, Sydney Holland, Ramesh Pannimathy, Amy Rogers
Copy Editing Manager: Kyrin Field
Copy Editors: Brenda Healy, Heather Chanson, Kim Brown, Stefania Buczyński, Julian Pannin, Erika Isaac, Kim Mosey
Photo Mangers: Traci Lynn Cam
Ad Production Manager: Greg Smith

CONTRIBUTORS

Heather Sweeney, Mike Petherick, Brendan Jones, Dr. Brian Tanguay, Krista Shackelford, Kendall Giberson, Rob Crocco, Brad Skelton, Janet Linsman, Loo Yu, Kara Berrand, Ruben Gu-Kom, Kyle Boulden, Rory Nisan, Brittany Lavery, Victoria Begin, Tyler Williams, Del Guirich, Mike Brown, Shalee Ziegler

Quote Of The Week
"Do you think there'll be scaplers at the poetry reading?"
- Carly Beath, in reference to a solo-out Billy Corgan poetry reading in a church basement

Next Issue: October 20th

Medler... good or bad?

When the story broke last December that Derek Medler, star Laurier running back, was involved in a shooting, the rumour mill churned to life. Everyone was quick to condemn him and soon it became impossible to do anything but speculate that he, in fact, was a Laurier version of Rambo.

It's becoming clear that, at least in the eyes of the law, Medler played a much less sinister role in the crime. With multiple weapons charges thrown at him early on, including pointing a firearm, possession of a prohibited loaded firearm and possession of a dangerous weapon, it has not come to light that Medler helped hide the other three individuals from the police.

Seventeen thousand dollars in debt and a cocaine addiction pushed Medler into some sketchy dealings, but a violent criminal he is not. The question obviously becomes, is nine months of strict house arrest, nine months of strict curfews and 125 hours of community service a suitable punishment for accessory after the fact to attempted murder?

There is a strongly held view that the shame, like that which Medler is dealing with, is in itself a stronger form of punishment than jail-time is. Ontario Court Justice, Gary Hearn, himself was of the view that Medler has already suffered a great deal.

Life beyond football

Over 6,000 people will cram a stadium to sit on whoopee cushions and watch football but only handfuls make it out to any other varsity sport you can name. Our Women's Hockey team routinely trounces almost every team in Canada and is the most consistently dominant varsity sports team at Laurier. Pass that big ups along to the Women's LAX who so often jockey for top spot in the OUA and see an insultingly low fan base come out to support them.

It's amazing that these athletes have such a willingness to compete and succeed on a campus that sees them as a cute sideshow to the 'real' university sport, football. The Athletics department should spend a more considerable amount of time on promoting these 'other' sports to the students and setting up buses to the games. Not because the



The Editors' View

"He's suffered the punishment. He was a gifted athlete. He's victimized himself, he's victimized his family and friends, and he's victimized the community. The consequences are far-reaching."

As Medler's Lawyer, Brian Greenspan, pointed out in an interview with *The Cord*, he has also been hit with other penalties like the swift expulsion from Laurier and has been lived for "months under strict bail conditions" and spent ten days in jail at the start of this fiasco.

It's taken a long time for any reliable information to reach the public (justice in Ontario is a painfully slow process) but it's becoming increasingly clear that Laurier acted prematurely in expelling Medler on the outset, when so little had been determined. What's worse is that the Laurier community was also just as quick to condemn him as a near-murderer.

Derek has suffered and while he'll continue to live under a strict regime for 18 months, he'll get a second chance to meaningfully contribute to a society that won't trust him right away. That is one thing that Derek Medler won't be able to rush.

Laurier Spirit needs a boost, but because the athletes do.

If no one picked up *The Cord*, it would cease to exist. If professors didn't scrawl comments across every inch of your essay, you'd stop caring about the quality of your work. If no one came to campus protests, organizers would lose heart and cynically criticize student apathy.

Everyone needs some positive reinforcement in those areas where they invest their time. Sports are no different. If you aren't getting feedback and attention, it's not only less enjoyable it's genuinely difficult to keep motivated.

Laurier's athletes deserve a lot more of our support and it's the responsibility of the Athletics Department to spur the interest. Students may even find that it's more fun than another carbon copy night of keg drinking.



Mike Petherick

The better side of blogging

Bryn Boyce



Opinion Editor

Lose the old-school technophobia and make-your-own-media

I'm going to work very hard not to lose anyone here.

The minute anyone begins to write about anything technological or computer-related, it seems that you can stamp out about half the readership immediately. If you bear with me on this article, *The Cord Weekly* will give you free Simple Plan tickets*. On second thought, that's probably the biggest disincentive of all.

I was recently musing about why so many people have a technophobia. Maybe technology scares people because it so often involves electricity. My roommate, Greg (name changed for privacy's sake), is about the most technologically disabled individual in existence. Most grandparents, while senile enough to 'remember' the Peloponnesian War, have more skill and mastery in toaster use and simple word processing than he does.

In fact, there have been incidents in the past when a wooden stick has become the tool of choice to pry his hand away from a painful knife-toaster encounter.

If there's ever been better reason to put the knife down and embrace technology (figuratively) I'd like to hear it. According to many Communication Studies professors, the Internet is good. In fact, much of first-year Comm Studies pivots on this one assumption...

With all the recent public

attention to media convergence and conglomeration, a new mainstream, free-range outlet for self-expression is budding.

Some people I know best express themselves with the tried and true lighter-to-aerosol can combination (an SP-type personality trait, I'm told). For others, it's through a new fad bursting into the Internet mainstream called Weblogging or "Blogging" (a not-so-short form).

Some people I know best express themselves with the tried and true lighter-to-aerosol can combination.

It seems that blogs, which began around 1997 and now number in the millions, are in fact becoming more popular than Pogs, Skip-Its and mushroom cuts combined. Blogs have the unique feature of being an easily accessible platform for free-flowing, unregulated opining, unlike *The Cord Weekly*, which prides itself in its rigorous hiring processes...

The main appeal of blogs is in their simplistic, diary or conversation style layouts. They often come across as a very fast, personable form of media with a great deal of two-way communication capability. Again, unlike many newspapers which are both slower and less able to handle

high volume reader-response.

Blogs are quickly becoming tools for political and social influence, as everyone from musicians like Matthew Good to politicians like George W. Bush are using Blogs to get their message out on the Internet. Many blogs juxtapose articles and links together to direct reader attention to the intricacies of internet news and support their political or social views.

The widespread nature of the blogging community, at least in the developed world, will undoubtedly have its purists, similar to those musical elitists that defend punk's 'true definition.' They'll be the ones who lament the end of the good ole' days when blogging was for real nerds, with real skills – not "wannabe Abercrombie and Fitch funboys with Dells."

But just like how musical genres aren't bound by elite views, communication technology is increasingly being freed from one-way corporate media convergence and dominance.

This decentralization of blogs is a heartening trend in new media and if people continue to take the technology seriously and begin to embrace it, Communication Studies might be able to broaden its course offerings and Simple Plan will continue to thrive on the punk scene!

* denotes no free tickets to Simple Plan unless you complete the crossword

SEND LETTERS TO THE CORD!

cord@wlusp.com



Constructive convictions

Krista Shackelford



Unshackled

I try to be a responsible consumer. I drink fair trade coffee, buy organic when I can and avoid purchasing shoes made by malnourished adolescents.

But the fact is, I drink Diet Coke. I drink scandalous amounts of it. I'm drinking it right now, in fact, reveling in its aspartame-y goodness.

Coca-Cola is hardly a model corporation. They abuse their unions. In fact, being a Coke union leader in South America is a good way to get yourself "disappeared." They rely on HFCs to keep their products cool. They produce the plastic bottles that end up littering our environment – the Laurier campus is no exception.

Cynicism will not make the world a better place. Nor will watching Fight Club for the 20th time.

Does my Coke consumption negate the good I do in other areas?

I honestly believe that most people want to shop responsibly. Unfortunately, being a conscientious consumer is discouraging. Every trip to Sobey's tempts us with thousands of "unethical" purchases. "Did I buy OK products today? Has Haagen-Daz done anything horrible that I'm not aware of?"

Consumer activism sometimes has overtones of religious fundamentalism. It's not uncommon



to see a rigid adherence to the idea of "good" and "evil" products. We are surrounded by "evils." The Gap, Nike, Starbucks, Microsoft.

On the other hand, some products are "good." Buying a particular brand of veggie burger will prove that you are a sensitive "new-age" guy! So Good soymilk will make you a balanced, spiritual person!

If you think this consumer activism/religion comparison is far-fetched, let me tell you about the September issue of Adbusters. The back cover features a blue-eyed Jesus saying, "I want you to buy less, live more." Jesus has spoken – and he's working for Adbusters.

There's nothing inherently wrong with Adbusters. But Adbusters alone will not make the world a better place, at least not any more than attending church will make the world a better place.

Cynicism will not make the world a better place. Nor will watching Fight Club for the 20th time. If we really care about improving corporate standards, we have to stop judging each other and start taking action.

The boycott is the most popular method of taking action. In order to boycott effectively, you must tell the company why you are no longer buying their products. Write a letter. Send an email. Tell the company what specifically bothers you about their business. Boasting to your friends that you never go to Starbucks isn't going to help any-

one.

Equally important is giving a viable alternative. Offer a concrete, practical step that they can take in order to regain your business. Corporation employees are not actively trying to make the world a miserable place. They don't hate human rights, they just love money more. So give them another economically viable option to the atrocious one they exercise now.

Which brings me back to the question of whether drinking Diet Coke makes me a hypocrite.

It's impossible to make completely virtuous decisions all of the time. No one is perfect. I am not Christ-like in my vigilance (and I'll bet the employees of Adbusters aren't either.) You may not feel passionate about, say, clear-cutting in the Amazon. This doesn't make you a bad person. Do what you can on the issues that do concern you. No one can care intimately about every good cause. If you sit around thinking about all the atrocities going on, it's difficult to do anything positive.

Does this sound like a grand rationalization for my Coke addiction? Maybe. But I'll bet that most people have a "guilty pleasure" of their own. So lay off me and my Diet Coke habit! Write a letter to Coke if you feel so strongly. In return, I won't say anything snarky about your Starbucks coffee, and I'll write a letter of my own. We need to judge less and do more.

The fifteenth stone of Kyoto

Brendan Jones



Extra-value Spiel

It makes no sense to rush to a bad decision

In the rock garden at the Ryoan-Ji temple in Kyoto, Japan, there are a total of fifteen stones but no matter where you stand, you can only see fourteen. According to some, the fifteenth stone shows that while some things appear to not exist, they are just ever elusive and never seen. Like the rock garden, the Kyoto Protocol relies on the public and their elected representatives, not seeing the faulty science behind it. But that does not mean it does not exist.

The premier propaganda tool of Kyoto, the Hockey Stick Theory has been proven to be nothing more than junk science. The theory rested on the premise that after chugging along at a stable temperature for 1,000 years, the industrial revolution set off a huge increase in the world's temperature, suggesting that 20th century carbon emissions are to blame for climate change. Yet one of the scientists who created the report, Michael Mann, has admitted that it contains several errors, avoiding the argument that the conclusion therein is flawed. But where there is smoke, there is bound to be fire.

Michael Mann is not alone; there is the little matter of the Heidelberg Appeal. Three thousand scientists from 106 countries, including 72 Nobel Prize winners, cautioned that the global warming debate is hampered by "irrational ideology."

If that is not enough, a petition sponsored by the former president of the National

Academy of Sciences insists that Kyoto's limits on greenhouse gases would "harm the environment, hinder the advancement of science and technology and damage the health and welfare of mankind."

More than 18,000 scientists, including atmospheric scientists, climatologists, and meteorologists, signed that one by the way. Oh what a tangled Kyoto web is weaved, when its first practice is to deceive.

Perhaps Kyoto relies on the old adage that 7/5ths of the public do not understand fractions. The climate has warmed slightly in the past hundred years but 70 percent of this global warming occurred before The Second World War.

Ratifying Kyoto is the like selling the HMCS Economy for stock options in Bre-X and Enron while sending the kids upriver in a leaking life raft.

So 30 percent of the temperature increase occurred in the last 60 years after industrial processes increased greenhouse gas emissions. Since the early 1970s, the overall air quality in Canadian cities has generally improved due to cleaner-burning engines, cleaner gasoline and cleaner

— Please see **Kyoto**, page 9

Letters to the Editor

cord@wlusp.com



Tight, bland stereotypes

I find it ironic that Moldes, in his article "The Commodity Queer" (October 6, 2004), complains that people do not see gay people beyond their associated stereotypes while at the same time makes all sorts of generalized statements about tight blonde Laurier girls wearing damned sexy American Eagle/Gap low cut jeans and miniskirts. As far as I know, they're distinct human beings, different in every way except appearance, too!

Harrison Hignett
4th year business

Moldes' own ignorant arguments

Generally speaking, I as well as many others enjoy and appreciate the diversity of articles that The Cord has to offer the student population here at Laurier. However, once in a while there is that one piece of writing in particular that makes you yell out in the middle of the Concourse, "How the heck did that get in there?"

Such was the exact response I found myself saying when asked by a friend to read Marcos Moldes' "The Commodity Queer" in the October 6 paper. While I have nothing against one's choice to be gay, Moldes did bring up a couple of points that I found rather ignorant.

So you're gay, that's great, all the power to you. But if you don't want to

be generalized in "token terms" then I suggest you don't generalize the entire female population at Laurier as a bunch of "Kimmy's," all relatively identical and drunk.

Believe it or not, plenty of us are unique and quite sober for the majority of the time. And as I'm sure you might appreciate hearing, not all of us are on the hunt for a gay best friend. Though you may be in a minority, I think the majority are rather educated and recognize that those who are gay are not tokens.

Another point I find frustrating is the complaint of this so-called "lost sexual identity." Nobody's identity should be determined by their sexual orientation. While in a rapidly changing society one's sexual orientation has become an important factor, personal identity should not be labelled primarily by the sex of the partner you choose. And as for the typical stereotypes that many people might use to describe the characteristics of someone who is gay, this article only reinforces them.

Someone really needs to make up his mind here. You can't say that you're losing your sexual identity when you're also letting that, and everything about it, determine everything about yourself.

It's silly to say that your identity is given legitimacy so long as you are saying something "catty" when only a few paragraphs before you say that your "inner voice of catty sarcasm leaped out..." demonstrating the exact characteristics you don't want to be defined by.

It doesn't help educate other people

or make them more politically correct in their ideas of what a gay person is like, when most gays simply reinforce such beliefs. Acting in the stereotypical definition of gay will definitely bring you attention, if that's what you want. But it's not going help if it's equality you're looking of, when everyone treats being gay as a fun game.

It's wrong to say you're not makers of your own identity anymore – clearly that's a situation where some initiative can be taken. But you're right when you refer to the fact the gays have turned into people for the "soapbox corporation," and this article is an exact example of that.

Suzie Gasselle

Get registration right

As you are no doubt aware, there was a situation that resulted during Orientation Week with regards to first-year BBA lab registration. Students registering for labs were required to wait in line for unacceptable lengths of time. It certainly reinforced the mentality that WLU no longer stands for Wilfrid Laurier University, but rather 'We Line Up'.

This does not reflect well on the school, the department, or the Registrar's Office. I have discussed the matter with Dr. Carson as well as two first year business professors that he has instructed to look into the problem. From what I understand of the situation, it seems that there were communication problems between the School of Business and Economics

and with the Registrar's Office. I have been informed by SBE Professors Laura Allan and Jim McCutcheon, as well as by Dr. Carson that this problem will not occur in the future.

I would like your assurance that the Registrar's Office will also ensure that this problem will not happen again. In addition, I would appreciate hearing some of your recommendations for the future and how communications will be improved so as to not have a situation such as this occur again.

Kevin Spahich
Director – WLUSU

End your petty squabbling

I like reading the Cord, but lately it's been conveying some pretty frustrating news. While the WLUSU BOD and Management Committee fritter away their meetings sniping at one another behind closed doors, writing doublespeak press releases about alleged policy non-violations and otherwise wasting their valuable time, plenty real on-campus issues remain unresolved.

Case in point: this year the WLUSU Harvey's switched from paper bags to plastic bags instead of reusable, enviro-friendly trays. I know, that's just my pet issue, but there are dozens of things upon which our student government's time would be better spent.

C'mon, people, you were all elected (he says to the BOD, VP:UA and Prez) or appointed (he says to the various and sundry other VPs) based

on lofty promises of openness, transparency, and progress. More than a third of your respective terms have already passed. Leave one another alone and start making regular students' campus lives richer/smoothier/tastier/greener/sexier/insert-good-thing-here-er.

Greg Smith

The STARRs of Fashion N Motion

I write to you because I care about the school. I write to you because I believe in equality. I write to you because only the press can do something with the information I give you. Believe me or not, the least you can do is check this out:

Despite claims of "fair" hiring practices, WLUSU's Fashion N Motion has hired two performers who DON'T EVEN GO TO THIS SCHOOL anymore. They are two graduates who finished up last year and, to my knowledge, don't even take classes anymore. They're at the University of Western Ontario teaching program or something. The reason I know is because a male friend of mine tried out and didn't make it. How fair is that?

I withhold my identity because I am in WLUSU and I fear action would be taken against me, either formally or informally.

Anonymous

— Please see **Letters**, page 9

Quebec and Canada

THE SEPARATIST MOVEMENT NEARLY A DECADE LATER



Contributed Photo

Mario Dumont et les autonomistes

Brian Tanguay

Political Scientist



A "Third Way" on Quebec sovereignty?

At its convention in Drummondville last month, the Action démocratique du Québec (ADQ) adopted a new constitutional policy that it hopes will capture the imagination of the province's voters and eventually propel it to power in Quebec City. Refusing to be labeled either sovereigntist or federalist, the ADQ instead calls itself "autonomist." The party rejects status-quo federalism but also dismisses the idea of holding another referendum on independence for the foreseeable future. Quebec's constitutional obsession of the past 30 years only holds the province back economically, according to the ADQ and its young leader, Mario Dumont, so it is time for Québécois to put the question of sovereignty on the back-burner.

But what exactly is an "autonomist" constitutional position, and will it fly with the province's voters? To answer these questions we need to know a little bit about the ADQ's origins in 1992-93. After the Meech Lake Accord lapsed in 1990, there was a dramatic surge in support for sovereignty in Quebec. Even the province's federalist premier, Robert Bourassa, appeared to embrace the idea of going it alone, making a famous speech in the National Assembly in which he declared that no matter what the rest of Canada thinks, Quebec has always been a "distinct society" free to choose its own destiny.

Bourassa's Quebec Liberal Party adopted a constitutional policy, called the Allaire Report, which demanded massive devolution of powers from Ottawa to Quebec. In the end, though, despite his apparent flirtation with the notion of independence, Bourassa manoeuvred his party into supporting "renewed federalism" in the form of the Charlottetown Accord, which was eventually rejected in a majority of the provinces (including Quebec) in a nationwide referendum.

The ADQ was created at this

chaotic time in Canada's political history. Jean Allaire, who had drafted the Quebec Liberal Party's constitutional policy in the early 1990s, and Mario Dumont, the president of the party's youth wing, broke with Bourassa to form the ADQ. For most of its formative years, the ADQ was essentially a one-man band: only Dumont managed to win a seat in the provincial elections of 1994 and 1998, and the party's share of the vote increased from a mere 6% to a still modest 12%.

By 2002, however, Quebec's voters were fed up with the never-ending wrangling between sovereigntists and federalists, between the PQ and the Liberals. The ADQ won four by-elections in the spring of 2002, and a series of opinion polls showed that a solid majority Francophones in Quebec wanted Dumont and the ADQ to form the next government.

This spike in support for the ADQ, however, called attention to some of the more exotic neo-conservative elements in the party's platform, such as support for two-tier medicine and a flat tax. By the time the provincial election was held in April 2003, support for the ADQ had plummeted. The party won a disappointing 4 seats in the election, with only 18% of the vote.

Autonomisme represents the ADQ's attempt to recover some of the electoral momentum it enjoyed in 2002. In essence, the party is calling for the massive decentralization first envisaged by the Allaire Report thirteen years ago. This may well appeal to a large portion of the Quebec electorate, the so-called "soft nationalists." But the party offers no clear idea of how to achieve this objective, since it has ruled out a future referendum on constitutional change and only a successful referendum is likely to convince Ottawa that it must engage in the radical decentralization favoured by many soft nationalists.

Separatists and Quebec's six-dollar table dances

Kendall R. Giberson

Oui ou Non?



Here we go again.

At a recent gathering of Quebec separatists in Quebec City, Parti Québécois leader Bernard Landry declared that "La Belle Province" would become "Le Belle Pays" within five years. Not only did M. Landry manage to get his name in the news again, but he brought up the dreaded 'R' word again — referendum.

Nearly a decade has passed since the last referendum left the country a few "ethnic" votes away from potential partitioning. I personally covered the event in Degelis, Quebec for my local paper from a strip club (the hub of social activity in nearly every small town in Quebec).

My French being pretty good in those days, I found that most of the people were not separatists but voted "Oui" nonetheless as a way of expressing their dissatisfaction with the federal government. In fact, the only blatantly separatist person was the dancer, a 40-ish blonde lady with a really hoarse, smoky voice who kept coming up to the bar to talk with the servers and watch the TV between her "spectacles".

When the first results were reported by Radio-Canada television, the whole place went dead silent. Eastern Quebec regions voted overwhelmingly "Oui. I remember that most people began to look uneasy, with the exception of the fist-pumping stripper, who stood at the bar without any clothes on amongst dozens of



people, all mesmerized by the television. She did take a break for a few minutes when two bus drivers from Nova Scotia requested her presence at their table in the back. For \$6 a song, she entertained the uniformed Maritimers for about twenty minutes, regularly looking over her shoulder at the TV.

It looked like the "Oui" side would win and I observed tears in some people's eyes, although that could have been from all of the smoking going on as people nervously puffed away. Then, the results from Montreal came in, and the "Non" vote edged the "Oui" by a slim margin. I recall only two men crying out in joy and high-fiving each other, while the dancer simply scowled and cracked open another pack of smokes. I sensed that most people were exasperated with the whole exercise, since nothing had been accomplished.

Where Rene Levesque had a vision of what sovereignty would entail, none of his successors seem committed to the cause.

What I gathered from this experience is that there is a separatist element within Quebec nationalism but that it represents a small minority. I think that most of the people do not really want to leave Canada, but simply want

more provincial rights in order to protect their place in the country and the world. The reason that the Bloc Québécois (BQ) and Parti Québécois (PQ) received so much electoral support in the past 30 years is simply because the parties represent a way to voice frustration and get Ottawa's attention.

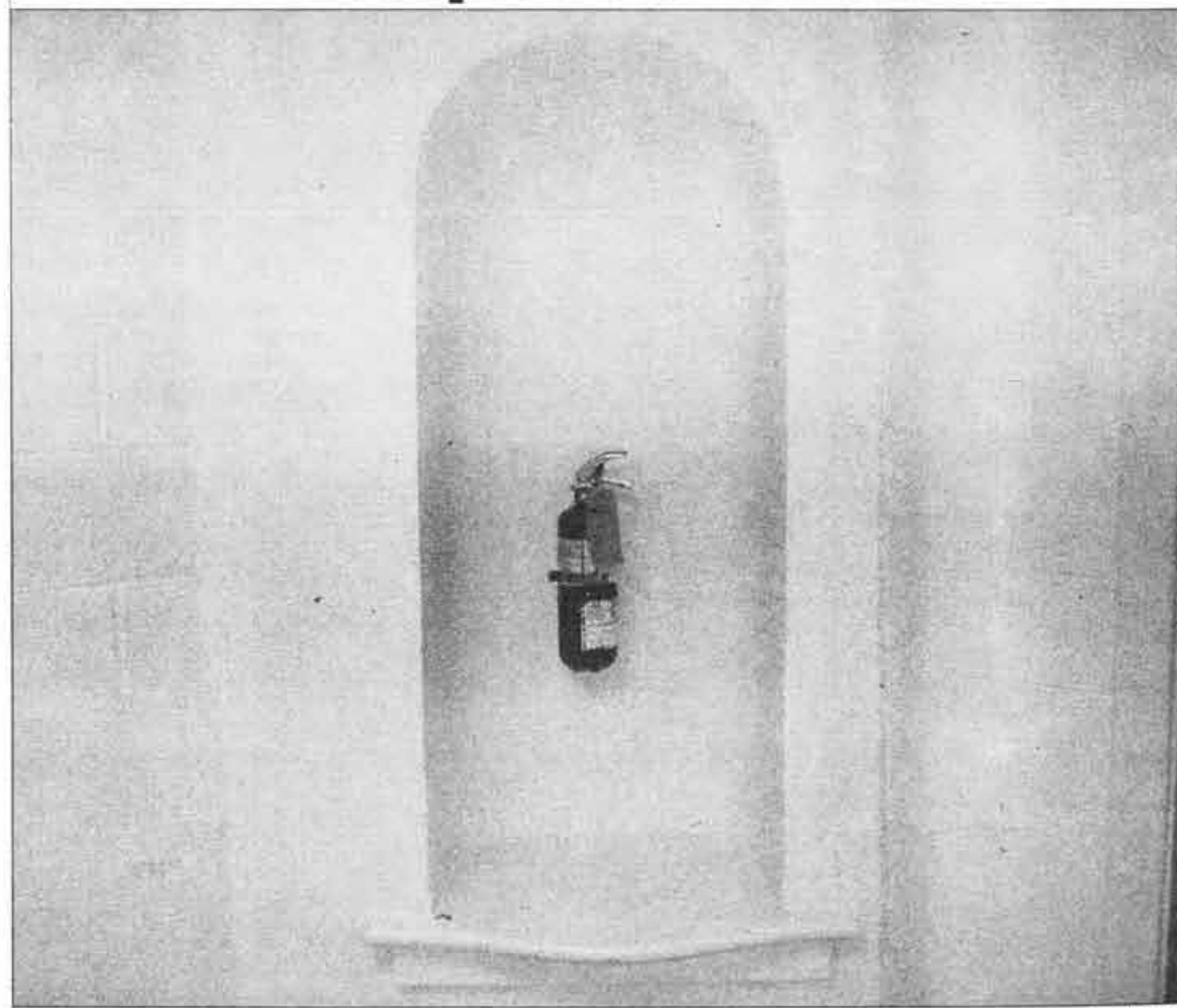
I also question the intentions of rhetoric-spewing political opportunists such as Landry, BQ leader Gilles Duceppe and Action Démocratique de Québec (ADQ) leader Mario Dumont.

Where Rene Levesque had a vision of what separation/sovereignty would entail, none of his successors seem to be as committed to the cause. Look at former Quebec Premiers Jacques Parizeau and Lucien Bouchard. They're so nationalist that they don't even live in Quebec anymore. These folks are simply making a living at complaining about federal interference and getting the people's support while pursuing self-serving agendas.

What would it take to satisfy Quebec and avoid future referenda? Recognition of Quebec as a "distinct society" within the constitution appears to be a start, along with granting more powers to the provinces (not just Quebec). And as a bonus, maybe we could replace the portrait of the queen on the \$20 bill with that of Louis-Hyppolyte Lafontaine (or Rene Levesque, cigarette and all).

Or we could just tip Quebec strippers more generously.

Campus Pictorial



Bryn Boyce

Jesus' Stand-In: A Safety Device : "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above" St. Michael's Campus boasts it's own false idol in a indentation that typically would be home to a religious symbol. Elmer the Safety Elephant is beaming with pride.

Tony Brookes: the man that society failed

Heather Sweeney



Commentist

The television displays my favourite Fido advertisement plastered on a Toronto garbage bin outside of Union Station. The adorable face of a small, fluffy puppy smiles at everyone who passes. In the back of the frame, behind the advertisement, there is a swarm of heavily armed police officers aiming large guns at a black man whose blood is oozing from his head to a large puddle on the pavement.

The *Toronto Star* headline two days later reads: "Crushed bouquet marks the spot where a brutal wife-beater was felled." Labeling Tony Brookes this way implies that a powerful, angry man was thwarted by the proper authorities and order has been restored to society. There is a good case against him: he skipped his anger management class, he harassed his ex-wife and children and possibly had an affair.

The killing of Tony Brookes almost seems like a fair trade-off for the safety of his ex-wife, his children and the innocent hostage. With his death, the story is no longer newsworthy and everyone quickly forgets. The investigation is wrapped up after a character analysis and the story ends where the villain "was felled."

The friendly face of the Fido puppy dominating the frame of an image which also displays the gruesome death of a desperate, lonely man is an accurate representation of the social order. A decrepit society plastered with beautiful pictures ordering us to consume and fill our heads with desire for useless products. This society is structured to benefit corporations rather than social programs.

Tony Brooke's story did not draw the attention that was deserved to aspects of society in

need of reform. In a crisis situation where an "innocent" life is threatened, it seems easy to distinguish the victim from the "guilty" perpetrator. Even if it is difficult to sympathize with Tony, his death does not cure the social conditions that pushed someone to go to such desperate lengths.

Poverty, frustration and an inability to deal with painful feelings are still critical problems fueling a debilitating social disease: despair. Tony's court order to attend anger management was like handing him a band-aid for a gaping wound. In alcoholism treatment programs, the client is taken into a place of residence completely separated from the outside world and placed in a safe and supportive group therapy environment. There, they learn to deal with painful feelings, anger and fear of disempowerment.

The inadequate social support provided for Tony is reminiscent of the boys in the "trench coat mafia," one of whom was on antidepressant medication for longer than three months leading up to the rampage. These drugs do not work on their own; they must be accompanied by therapy.

Similarly, Tony needed intensive work on his anger management skills. Groups such as Peace by Peace, organized by the University of Toronto, teach peaceful problem solving skills to children at the grade five level. This preventative technique is a promising and effective way of creating a healthy community. Far more promising than strict, reactive justice and its heavy-handed (even life ending) punishments.

Blind faith in the justice system is bogus. What we need is not more punishments for the "guilty" but instead more funding and awareness for groups that can prevent crises before they arise. A greater focus placed on community and social reform through therapy and specified treatments could have led Tony and millions of others into more peaceful and fulfilling lives.

tage enough. Simply put, in a level playing field, may the best man (or pita place) win (the patronage of the student body).

We are confident that we have earned this patronage with our dedication and professionalism and seek only to answer the demand placed upon us by the students themselves. Many have voiced their discontent with the other option available to them on the OneCard given to them by their Union and expressed their desire to spend what is arguably theirs at our humble establishment. We're not making this up. If it becomes necessary to acquire tangible documentation of this desire, such will be accumulated, as has been in other proposals of similar circumstance in cities such as London and Hamilton.

We feel confident that the Students' Union will fulfill its obligations to the student body and allow them the choice which is inarguably theirs.

Thank you for your time,

Jacob Watt
Matthew Taylor
Jordan Taylor
Pilot Pita

Kyoto is the kiss of death for the Canadian economy

Kyoto, from page 7

industrial processes.

But why continue with the technological progress we've made in the name of the environment while not upsetting the economic balance, when we can just sink the ship entirely.

Ratifying Kyoto is like selling the HMCS Economy for stock options in Bre-X and Enron while sending the kids upriver in a leaking life raft without a bucket. The oil and gas producing provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Newfoundland will be hard hit. Ontario will become our Flint, Michigan, as industries will not be able to compete. We'll see plant closures here and then their reopenings in countries that have not ratified Kyoto.

The loss of jobs will cut

deeply into the government's tax revenue; funds for government services will have to be cut. The poor, who already spend the majority of their income on necessities, will see their cost of living rise. Lowered consumer spending will not be able to keep other businesses alive; they too will fail.

The loss of jobs will cut deeply into the government's tax revenue; funds for government services will have to be cut.

Ontario, as the largest private sector employer, would get it the worst, but no province would

escape. Equalization payments could become a thing of the past and that would mean all of Canada would suffer. For those able to afford it, the USS Brain Drain is always trolling alongside the stern.

There is not a Canadian who does not want to breathe cleaner air, drink cleaner water and have a cleaner environment. Unfortunately, Kyoto will not give those to us. Frankly, it is possible that Kyoto will actually delay our progress toward environmental utopia. Like the fifteenth rock, just because we can't see a solution that actually works, does not mean one does not exist. If you want to plan for a decade, you plant trees. If you want to plan for a lifetime, you educate people.

CHIROPRACTIC ON CAMPUS

ARE YOU IN PAIN?



**BACK PAIN
NECK PAIN
HEADACHES**

**Covered by WLU Health Plan
Custom Foot Orthotics also available**

**WLU HEALTH SERVICES
884-0710 Ext. 3146**

Wilfrid Laurier University



Waterloo, Ontario

CALL FOR COMMENTS Search Committee for the Dean of Arts

Dr. Robert Cambell's term as Dean of the Faculty of Arts ends on June 30, 2005. In accord with University procedures, a search is underway for a Dean to serve a five-year term from July 1, 2005 or as soon thereafter as possible.

Submissions are invited from the University community on issues that should be considered during the search process. A copy of the position description can be obtained by contacting Debbie Thayer, Secretary to the Committee, at ext. 3727 or at dthayer@wlu.ca. Submissions (in writing or by e-mail) should be sent to the Secretary of the Committee as soon as possible, and no later than **4:30 p.m., Monday, November 1, 2004**. All submissions considered by the Committee will be regarded as confidential. You may request to remain anonymous to the members of the Committee. The Committee Secretary should receive comments that indicate who the commentator is. She, the Secretary, will delete names of those who wish to be anonymous before the comments reach the Committee.

Search Committee Members:

Sue Horton, Vice-President: Academic and Chair
Lisa Butler, Graduate student representative
Mary-Louise Byrne, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies
Scott Carson, Dean, School of Business and Economics
Judith Fletcher, Department of Archaeology and Classical Studies
Stephan Haller, Brantford Campus
Thomas Hueglin, Department of Political Science
Lyndsey Jones, Undergraduate student representative
Ute Lischke, Department of Languages and Literatures
Gerry McGrath, External member of the Board of Governors
Lynn Shakinovsky, Department of English
Michael Sibalis, Department of History
Stephen Wenn, Department of Kinesiology and Physical Education
Kendra Young, Staff representative

- **Letters**, from page 7

To the members of the Students' Union;

We, the owners/operators of Pilot Pita, Waterloo, propose that the students who use the OneCard to purchase food have the option of spending their OneCard dollars at Pilot Pita. Where as the ultimate goal of the Union must be the well-being and satisfaction of the student body, we feel this can best be accomplished in an environment of oligopoly and choice.

The freedom of the represented students to choose quality, convenience and affordability is essential to the justification of the body which governs the distribution of the millions of dollars which these students have been compelled to pay. If it is to be assumed that the ideal situation is one where students have but one option in each style of food outlet then the onus to succeed as a small business ultimately fails. When the threat of consumer annexation is alleviated through a guaranteed income source, the consumer - the student - consequently suffers. It goes without saying that location should be advan-

Libya prolonged violence in Sierra Leone

A new study into the civil war in Sierra Leone has implicated the governments of Libya and Liberia in enhancing the brutal civil conflict

RUBEN GU-KONU
Staff Writer

A 23 month inquiry into the atrocities committed during the 13-year civil conflict in Sierra Leone has been concluded. The Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission, an independent commission in charge of investigating the events that occurred during the war, has released a report blaming Libya and Liberia for their involvement in the civil war in Sierra Leone.

The Commission reports that the two countries played a significant role in extending the conflict. Libya has been criticized widely over the years for its possible involvement by providing the rebels with weapons and training, and the report officially documents this.

The Commission reports that small arms were "provided in large quantities by Libya to perpetuate the brutal conflict." Howard Varney, criticized Libya for their actions.

"Libya has the resources to make a substantial financial contribution and it must make it because it was in charge of train-

ing key players in the Sierra Leone conflict," Varney said. The commission also singled out Liberia, which has been known to provide a safe haven for wanted rebel leaders and is a travelling route for blood diamond sales. These revenues were used to purchase more weapons, which perpetuated the war.

DeBeers, Ukraine and Burkina Faso have also been implicated in the civil war

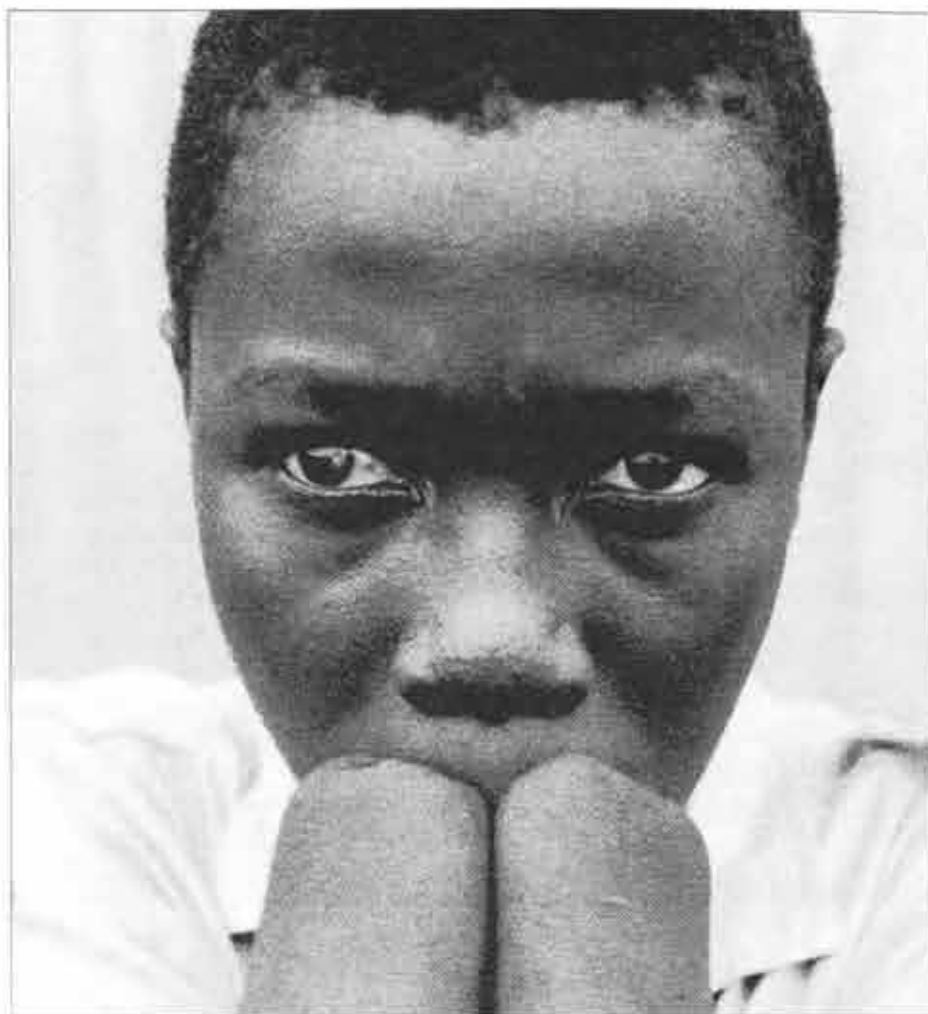
The report also points out the alarming state of corruption in present-day Sierra Leone. Private investors have been trying to revive the country's economy through tourism and other areas to attract more outside financial involvement. They find themselves in a difficult situation however, as the funds are going directly into private pockets as opposed to financing vital projects.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report and the words of its chairman reveal

some serious issues that were not addressed. According to Mr. Varney, since Libya trained the rebel leaders and is financially able to compensate Sierra Leone, it should take on some of the blame and financial responsibility. But through the years, various independent commissions and even national investigative agents, including the Justice Department of the United States, have found that DeBeers, Ukraine and Burkina Faso, were also widely involved in the atrocities of the war in Sierra Leone.

DeBeers was involved in laundering diamonds coming from rebel controlled areas, through Liberia. Most of the workers in the diamond mines were used to mine the precious stones and then had their limbs severed by the rebels. According to many reports, the South African government was fully aware of DeBeers actions in Sierra Leone but the sizable financial contributions by the diamond giant to the South African government kept things quiet.

Several cargo planes were flown straight from Ukraine to



Contributed Photo

Amputation was a common fear tactic used by rebels in the conflict.

Burkina Faso, where the contents were loaded onto trucks at night and driven to Liberia. According to the U.S. Justice department and the BBC, the trucks were loaded with AK-47s and other small arms destined for the rebels in Sierra Leone.

As the highly anticipated report of the Sierra Leone Truth and Reconciliation Commission came out, experts are wondering if all the issues have been uncovered in order to put the country back on track after more than 15 years of brutality and violence.

Britain wants troops in Africa

KYLE BOULDEN
Staff Writer

Last Friday, British Prime Minister Tony Blair spoke in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, at the opening of the second session of the Commission for Africa. Blair announced plans for the creation of a rapid reaction European Union (EU) battle force, designed for quick intervention in African conflicts and humanitarian crises.

Blair outlined the proposal, which calls for the force to be comprised of 15,000 EU troops, which would have the ability to deploy to conflict zones within ten days. This is much quicker than any African-based force could assemble, such as the one still being assembled for Darfur.

Stating his intentions, Blair said "I want Africa to be the top priority for the EU's new rapidly deployable battle groups and to get them operational as soon as possible in 2005."

Each group would be approximately 1,500 troops, and while some groups would be entirely provided by large countries such as Britain, France and Germany, others would be supported by several smaller EU countries such as Poland, Sweden or Denmark.

The rapid reaction force is among measures being explored by the British sponsored Commission for Africa. The commission is currently preparing a comprehensive plan on how the G8 industrialized countries and the EU can help Africa. The commission will report to Blair in March, ahead of the G8 summit in June, which is being held in Britain this year.

In addition to holding the presidency of the G8 in 2005, Britain will also hold the presidency of the EU.



Contributed Photo

Proposed EU troops would rapidly aid African nations in crisis.

The report is likely to also call for African debt to be called off by the industrialized nations. African countries are saddled with over \$305 billion in debt, and canceling this is seen by many as an important step in Africa's development.

It is hoped that the new EU forces will stabilize African nations, and fight terrorism at the same time.

Blair noted that Western nations have an inherent self-interest for helping Africa, saying, "We know that poverty and instability leads to weak states, which can become havens for ter-

rorists and other criminals." The hopes are that fresh intervention and humanitarian help will steer troubled African countries from becoming friendly to terrorists, drug runners and money laundering, among others.

Some critics have claimed Blair's focus on Africa is designed to deflect attention away from troubles on the domestic British political front, where Blair has recently admitted he was wrong about his decision on the invasion of Iraq. Critics also blasted Blair for having a plane fly out of Ethiopia, one of the most famine wrecked countries in the world, and back during the meeting on Thursday, in order to pick up food for the lavish meal supplied on the British government plane on the way home.

Nuclear concerns in Iraq

KRIS COTE
International Editor

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has issued a strong warning that former nuclear facilities in Iraq have been looted, and high-precision equipment could fall in the hands of terrorists.

The IAEA cannot confirm their reports because U.S. forces have not allowed the organization to return to Iraq. Their report is based on satellite images and they have found radioactive scrap items in countries like Jordan and the Netherlands which originated in Iraq.

While U.S. nuclear inspectors failed to find any evidence of a weapons-based nuclear program, the nuclear sites the IAEA is concerned about were part of an energy-based nuclear program operated by Iraq in the 1970s and 1980s. The program was sponsored and inspected by the IAEA but was ended with a 1981 Israeli attack.

The IAEA works with countries that have nuclear programs, and requires that they be informed when nuclear material is moved. They have acknowledged that they allowed U.S. forces to take control of low-grade uranium earlier in the year.

IAEA Director General Mohammed ElBaradei warned that "the disappearance of such equipment and materials may be of proliferation significance." Noting that some materials had already been found in foreign countries, ElBaradei said that, "none of the high-quality dual-use equipment or materials have been found." The IAEA knows Iraq was in possession of these materials from previous inspections.

The proclamation by the

IAEA does not mean Iraq had the ability to produce nuclear weapons; they acknowledge that Iraq's nuclear program was dismantled after the Gulf War.

Since the invasion of Iraq, the IAEA has been kept out of the loop. ElBaradei stated that the U.S. might know what happened to the remainder of the nuclear facilities, or they may not. The IAEA argues in their latest report that the U.S. "declare semi-annually changes that have occurred or are foreseen at sites deemed relevant."

Interim Technology Minister, Rashid Omar, has shifted blame for the looting off the interim Iraqi government and onto the Americans. "The location was looted- the buildings, the equipment- immediately after the collapse of the regime," he reported. Omar added that "after the transition of sovereignty to us it is under our control and the location is well-protected and there is no looting."

Nuclear components looted from Iraq have turned up as far away as Holland.

Besides a few limited checks, the IAEA has been shut out of Iraq. The latest warnings could just be a threat intended to gain international attention and support for the re-establishment of inspections.

The interim Iraqi government has not opposed IAEA inspections. Omar has invited the IAEA to conduct inspections, and promises that they would have free access to all sites. The hold-up is with the U.S. administration.

Should Bush serve another term as President?



Don't blame George W. Bush has not made the world safer

Brendan Jones



Columnist

George W. Bush is the man so many love to hate. He is accused of stealing the 2000 election, allowing 9/11 to happen, failing to capture Osama bin Laden, invading Iraq under false pretenses and sinking the economy. But is he really guilty until proven innocent?

The Supreme Court stopped the Florida chad hunting party, the nickname given to the confusing Florida ballots, because they would have kept counting votes until everyone was blue in the face. There was no way Al Gore could have won. Gore was never in the lead; not on election night, not after the state-wide recount, not after adding votes from hand recounts, nor after dozens of recounts conducted by the media.

Even assuming a state-wide recount could be completed in time, the Supreme Court did not give the presidency to Bush on a silver platter. Two liberal Supreme Court judges even found the manoeuvres of the Florida democratic judges offending. Unless they went to graveyards in search of more chads, Al Gore could not have won Florida.

Al Qaeda and bin Laden did not succeed because Bush was out golfing, they succeeded because proper anti-terrorist measures were not taken throughout the 1990s. Bush came into office in January 2001, eight months before the 9/11 attacks. Osama bin Laden declared war on the U.S. in 1996, bombed U.S. embassies in 1998 and the U.S.S. Cole in 2000. Clinton had failed to prepare plausible war plans against him and did little more than fire missiles into tents.

With transition time lost to the Florida recount and the slowness of the Senate in confirming his nominees, the Bush Pentagon was not properly staffed until late summer in 2001. By then it was far too late for any plans or meetings. Bush took so long to respond to the 9/11 because the war plan had to be written on the fly.

It is commonly assumed that Saddam posed no threat because he did not have any weapons of mass destruction

(WMD), but this point is refuted by the U.S. Chief Arms Inspector. According to Charles Duelfer, the economic sanctions against Iraq had begun to disintegrate by 1996. By 1999 they were well on the way to disappearing altogether thanks to smuggling, a corrupted UN Oil-For-Food program, and the complicity of the French, Russians and Chinese. Iraq may not have been an imminent threat to the U.S. in 2001, but Saddam Hussein fully intended to become a threat as soon as possible.

If the Saddam threat was a façade for a Bush oil grab, then it strikes me as peculiar that Canada has not been invaded. After all, we are the number one source for U.S. crude oil and natural gas imports. Plus lots of people up here seem to hate the U.S. and a convincing case could be made that Alberta wants to be liberated.

Bush did not have the opportunity to prevent the 9/11 attacks, Clinton did.

Bush is also criticized for not going into North Korea or Iran first. Iraq was the first of the axis of evil litter to get picked because Saddam was justifiably the weakest of the tripartite. Iran had not been berated by sanctions and North Korea already had a nuclear warhead before Bush took office. Iraq was the logical first step. With U.S. and NATO forces now in Iraq and Afghanistan, Iran has hundreds of thousands of troops on its flanks. Coincidence?

When one looks at the administration lucidly, a rosier picture of Bush develops. Seventy-five percent of al Qaeda's leaders have been captured or killed, Libya is now disarming, Pakistan is no longer flexing its nuclear might and is now an ally in the war on terror.

Beginning to deploy a missile defense shield, Bush is putting in a plausible way to defend America from a North Korean missile while at the same time applying diplomatic pressure on Kim Jong-Il multi-laterally with China.

After the dot-com bubble burst in the late 1990s, the economy slipped into recession in 2000 and one million jobs were lost in the three months after 9/11. Since then, the economy has grown as fast as any year in nearly two decades and productivity has grown at the fastest three year rate in more than fifty years.

George W. Bush may not be the most popular President in the history of America, but he is the candidate in this election most fit to lead the country.

Rory Nisan



Staff Writer

It is a challenge to criticize George W. Bush without repeating what everyone else has said. So I acknowledge the more common criticisms of Bush – his intellect, the neo-conservative cronies who run the show, his ties to corporate America and especially, oil companies.

Instead I ask people to think about the big picture, about what kind of world Bush would like to shape, and the consequences of that vision. Believe it or not, many motives of the Bush administration are morally based.

Spreading liberty and freedom – and free market capitalism is not just a campaign slogan; it is the moral background to much of his foreign policy. This goal is in many ways noble, yet the means of achieving it are damaging the world.

Iraq is less safe today than two years ago, which is not to say it was a nice place before. The prospects for democracy there are somewhere between zilch and zip. Bush doesn't realize that building democracy would be hard work. The system developed over hundreds of years in the West, and nearly all attempts to impose democracy in the developing world have failed.

Is America any safer today than on September 12, 2001?

Over 1000 Americans can be added to the death toll in the war on terror since that day. If you are the average soldier in Iraq you are a poor American who joined the military as the only means of gaining an education. These Americans are definitely not safe. It is also not any safer if you have your rights violated by the Patriot Act.

It is easy to criticize Bush for his apparent lack of intellect.

It does not feel safer if you watch the Homeland Security Advisory System which constantly reminds you that there is currently "a significant risk of a terrorist attack." Is it possible that the Bush administration might be scaring its citizenry into voting for it?

Vice-President Dick Cheney reminds us that the greatest threat to America today is that terrorists might detonate a nuclear weapon in an American city. Why did Americans invade Iraq? I won't get into that one – but it sure wasn't to prevent terrorists from detonating a nuclear weapon in an American city.

Brendan Jones instilled fear in every Cord reader by imagining the buildings in Toronto being hit by planes. But he doesn't ask you to imagine being in Iraq and the amount of fear one must feel there, be they a reporter, a UN

worker or an Iraqi citizen. He doesn't ask you to live in Seoul, South Korea, having nuclear warheads pointed at you. No, America is not safer today. It is threatened by an Iranian nuclear program, North Korean nuclear weapons, the chaos in Iraq which is fertile ground for the development of terrorist organizations, and don't forget al Qaeda.

Osama is still running around Central Asia plotting against American targets. Don't forget about Pakistan, which is threatened by fundamentalist takeover. Imagine the Taliban having the bomb – which is a real possibility in Pakistan. That's almost as bad as Kim Jong-Il having the bomb – oh he already has it. And we can't forget Afghanistan, where fake and fudged elections were just held and there is no central control outside of Kabul. It's extremely unlikely that a single person feels either free or safe in that country.

The Bush administration cannot reasonably tell America what a scary place the world has become while at the same time telling Americans that they have done a perfect job in making the world safer. In the last debate, Bush refused to admit a single mistake during his entire administration. It's time Americans realized voting for him in the last election was their mistake. But no matter what happens, it's good to be Canadian.

JAMES BROCKTON

Funkin' CANADA

WITH SPECIAL GUEST **jacksoul!**

PAPA'S GOT A BRAND NEW TOUR!

NOVEMBER 30

TICKETS ON SALE THIS MONDAY (OCT. 18) AT 10AM

25 Centre IN THE SQUARE 25 years of creating memorable experiences

Tickets available at the Centre In The Square Box Office, Kitchener Memorial Auditorium Box Office or Charge-By-Phone: 519-578-1570, 800-265-8977 or www.centre-square.com. Limit 8 tickets per person first day sale. All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. All tickets are subject to applicable taxes and service and handling charges.

Clear Channel



Those People Who Wear Bonnets and Travel in Horse-Drawn Buggies

They are the Mennonites of the Region of Waterloo. For the most part, they reside on farms in the townships of Woolwich and Wellesley. On most days they can be found travelling on roads leading into small towns and villages like Elmira, Linwood, Wellesley and Wallenstein. In fact, Elmira likely has the world's only horse and buggy parking garage. Parking for the day costs less than a dollar (a little more if one's horse is provided with lunch). Travel the back roads of the townships on a Sunday morning, preferably by bike, and you will come by dozens of horses and buggies transporting Mennonite families to their places of worship; usually simple, rectangular structures known to their communities as meetinghouses.

Services last at least two hours. Men and women sit on separate sides on hard wooden benches. There are no musical instruments, only singing in the German language. Spoken parts of the service are in a German dialect called Pennsylvania Deutsch. After the service, families who are visiting the area drop by for lunch unannounced. During the afternoon, adults visit while children play outside or in the up in barns. All need to be home in good time. Morning chores start at five thirty.

In the region of Waterloo, there are

about 16,000 Mennonites who belong to at least 20 different groups. One of those groups (those who drive horse and buggies) number about 4,000. They are known as Old Order Mennonites. Yet even they are divided into three groups depending on such things as whether they have electricity, use tractors, or have their own school system. While the beliefs of all twenty groups are basically the same, the differences come from the manner and style in which they live. For example, one group that is slightly more modern can drive cars but only if they are black with no radios. Many Canadian universities have modern Mennonites as students and, in some cases, as faculty members. Yet the Old Order group's formal education ends at eighth grade.

The modern, urban Mennonite's home, attire, dining practices and entertainment venues are very similar to their non-Mennonite neighbours. All Mennonites, regardless of their degree of modernity, are known in the Christian tradition for their non-resistant approach to life and their generosity in giving assistance around the world to those who suffer from natural disasters or other causes. In 2004, almost 1,300 Mennonites are living in and giving assistance to 55 needy countries. Also in this year, about \$14,000,000 worth of material resources and canned meat have been sent to at least 30 countries.



The Menn Of

BY DE



Among the Old

They have been called "the quiet in the land," "the peace." A local author, a member of the Old Order co "separate and peculiar."

As a group, Mennonites put the needs of their co have negotiated with the government to be exempt fr benefits like Canada Pension and Old Age Security an plan. It is normal for young adults to, as the main fo for hours in a different farm house every Sunday nig paniment.

The homes of the Old Orders have only plain blin radios, television sets, computers or advanced techn delight in playing outside for hours, helping with a see barefoot whenever they are at home in warm weather. patch of ice with no equipment other than skates and a a really great summer vacation as going to a relative's

This group has its own special social insurance nu zens but never vote or run for political office. All pay n a peaceful approach to all aspects of life got them exen ing both World Wars. That belief is played out in ev fault and seeking retribution, they give forgiveness. Th times of need. Their only need of the police is to repor that an encroacher has planted among their corn cro they will affirm, rather than take an oath. There is no society and no reliance on any programs for assistance port.

Is there another group whose women will never c covering, and whose greatest happiness comes from re ing a large family? Are there other groups of young ad parties at each other's farm homes? What other bride help to prepare the delectable wedding meal, have no e never go on a honeymoon? These "peculiar" people divorce, respect and seek the wisdom of the elderly, denial. Carrying on traditions in terms of life style and

These are the Old Order Mennonites of the Region working and intelligent, possessing a wonderful sense

They are respectful of their neighbours and those to this community in their own special manner.

Mennonites of Waterloo

by DEL GINGRICH



The Old Orders

the land," "the plain people" and "a people of the Old Order community, refers to his group as

needs of their community before their own. They to be exempt from receiving OHIP coverage, or Age Security and belong to no formal insurance, as the main form of entertainment, sing hymns every Sunday night, without instrumental accom-

only plain blinds on the windows. There are no advanced technology whatsoever. Children find helping with a seemingly multitude of tasks, going in warm weather. They play hockey for fun on any than skates and a hockey stick and would describe ng to a relative's farm for a week.

cial insurance numbers and are co-operative citi- al office. All pay regular taxes. Their insistence on life got them exemption from military service dur- played out in everyday life. Rather than finding e forgiveness. They are there to give assistance in police is to report the occasional marijuana crop ng their corn crop. Should they appear in court, path. There is no unemployment in the Old Order ms for assistance. Their community is their sup-

men will never cut their hair, wear a white head ss comes from remaining in their home and rais- oups of young adult males who gather for haircut What other brides get married in their own home, g meal, have no engagement or wedding rings and e peculiar" people never experience separation or n of the elderly, and practice humility and self- as of life style and beliefs are deemed important. tes of the Region of Waterloo. They are very hard wonderful sense of humour and peacefulness.

hours and those in government. They offer much l manner.



A Brief History of the Mennonites: Rise and Persecution

Mennonites trace their beginnings to 1525, the time of the Protestant Reformation. They agreed with Luther of Germany and Zwingli of Switzerland that the established church should be reformed. However, their views differed significantly when it came to baptism and a government that forced people into a particular religion. Identifying themselves as the Swiss Brethren, they believed that infants should not be baptized. Rather, one should wait until he is an adult when he can make the choice himself. One of the leaders of this heretical, defiant practice was Conrad Grebel, a

highly regarded scholar and writer. He and his colleagues were called "Anabaptists" (rebaptizers), because they had already been baptized as infants. The Anabaptists, young radicals, were also the early proponents of separation of church and state. They became a despised and hunted group. Their practices and beliefs outraged the authorities and they were severely persecuted. Some were drowned, others were burned at the stake or tortured in the view of the public. Many others starved in prisons or dungeons.

Because of persecution, they migrated to Germany and other parts of Europe. In 1683, they migrated to Pennsylvania at the invitation of a Quaker, William Penn. After the American Revolution, Mennonites from Pennsylvania started settling in what is now southern Ontario, starting in 1786. Transportation was by covered Conestoga wagons. Ebytown, an early settlement that later became known as Berlin and

later Kitchener, was begun by the Mennonite Bishop, Benjamin Eby. He had initially travelled the 400 miles from Pennsylvania on horseback. Brubacher House, overlooking Columbia Lake, was built in 1850. Its first inhabitants were John and Magdalena Brubacher and their 14 children. They too were a Mennonite family. What is now the entire campus of the University of Waterloo was earlier devoted to agriculture,

many of the fields ploughed with the assistance of teams of strong work horses belonging to Mennonites.

Conrad Grebel College was named after the early Anabaptist scholar and leader.

The Mennonites were named after the Dutch priest, Menno Simons. He became an Anabaptist leader in the sixteenth century. The Dutch Mennonites moved from Holland to Prussia and then the Ukraine. In the 1800s and 1900s, large groups settled on the Canadian Prairies, the great plains of the United States and South America.

Mennonites are becoming increasingly a global community. They are a mix of many cultures and many worship in languages other than English. There are about 1.2 million baptized members. Members from Asia, Africa and Latin America now make up the majority.

You can learn more about Mennonites by visiting The Visitor Centre, "Telling the Mennonite Story". It is located in St. Jacob's.



Caitlin Howlett

Oktoberfest is in the haus

SUSIE ZIEGLER
Cord Student Life

Zicky zacky zicky zacky hoi-hoi and the masses emerged from their respective fest halls intoxicated yet again with the spirit of Oktoberfest.

The Kitchener-Waterloo festival is second only to the original Oktoberfest in Munich, which wrapped up its 171st year on October 3. The event left the meadow in Bavaria filled with the memories of over 5.9 million people and empties of 5.5 million litres of beer. It's hard to say if King Ludwig anticipated perpetuating such a tradition when he took a wife. The celebration of his marriage to Princess Therese Saxony-Hildburghausen began Oktoberfest in 1810. By the late 1800's the annual festival introduced beer halls and tents.

The festival's traditions traveled to North America with early German settlers. The Concordia Club strived to keep the customs an integral part of Kitchener (then Berlin) and has successfully done so for over 128 years. It wasn't until 1969 when the founding fathers of the local Oktoberfest celebration saw an opportunity for the entire community to participate in the festivities. Thirty-six years later,

Oktoberfest engorges Kitchener-Waterloo in culture, traditions and fun.

Opening ceremonies marked the beginning of the 9-day celebration on October 8. The festival is estimated to attract over 700,000 participants.

The Monday morning Oktoberfest parade itself passes 135,000 spectators. Oktoberfest is run by over 1300 volunteers and raises over \$1.5 million for non-profit organizations, which is pumped back into the community's senior's facilities, pools, crisis lines and arenas.

"Fun outfits, good food and a better time should not be overlooked."

- Sondra Locke, second year English

In order to attend the festhallen, festival-goers must be 19 years of age or older however those under 19 could attend some of the festivals over 30 cultural events.

Second year English major, Sondra Locke, hopes to attend many of the events.

"Fun outfits, good food and a better time should not be over-

looked," Locke replied.

The traditional German dress of the festival being "Dirndl" for the ladies, and "lederhosen" leather shorts for men is not unlike the attire of Onkel Hans, the mascot of the KW Oktoberfest.

For those slightly less ambitious there is the Oktoberfest hat, complete with feather and traditional buttons and pins.

Souvenirs and attire can be found at Hans Haus Castle at 17 Benton St. Kitchener.

To highlight a few of the popular festhallen: Altes Muenchen Haus at Queensmount Arena Thursday, Friday, Saturday known for a university crowd and the music of Walter Ostanek, Canada's polka king.

Karlsberghaus, held at the Kitchener Auditorium has a Wilfrid Laurier University night on Thursday, University of Waterloo night on Friday and a general celebration on Saturday.

At the end of the night people are encouraged to make use of the Take A Bus On Us campaign courtesy of the Molson Take Care program, Grand River Transit and the festival. Buses run for free from 11 p.m. to 1:50 a.m. Friday and Saturday night. Auf Wiedersehen.

Vocal Cord

How should Laurier and Laurier students celebrate Oktoberfest?



ADRIAN JAUQUES
SECOND YEAR
LANGUAGES

"Drink our faces off."



JEN COZAK
FOURTH YEAR
ENV. STUDIES

"No polka music, but beer promotions."



NEIL MACDONALD
FIFTH YEAR
HISTORY

"Three words - Walter - frickin - Ostanek."



JESSICA JACKSON
FIRST YEAR
HISTORY

"Have a themed Oktoberfest Day on Willison field with events."



KEN HARRISON
SECOND YEAR
BUSINESS

"Everyone should come to school in lederhosen."



ADAM BOOTH
THIRD YEAR
COMMUNICATIONS

"Wild party with Oktoberfest costumes, traditional German food and lots of steins of beer."

Horoscopes

Happy Birthday Libra! (Oct. 13-19)

Your family and friends are going to want to be with you on your special day. So make sure you allot time to see everyone. Also with mid-terms coming up make sure you are staying on top of your studies. School is just as important as your birthday.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Now is the time for you to show off. If you have any special skills or talents now is your time to start applying them to everyday life. You'll find that everything you do will become easier if you do something a little more creative.

Luckiest day: October 13

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

If there are many issues surrounding you right now, know that you have the option of leaving whatever is going on. You do not have to spread yourself so thin, with a huge work load, that you don't have time for yourself.

Luckiest day: October 15

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Someone may be offering you something of value. Whether it is a material object of advice make sure you take it to heart and follow any additional instructions this person may have for you. They only want to see you succeed.

Luckiest day: October 16

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Make sure you stay focussed on your goals. Don't let other people distract you with meaningless diversions. You will be directly affected by your actions over the next while so make sure you think everything through thoroughly.

Luckiest day: October 15

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You are going to have some decisions to make regarding your finances in the next little while. Make sure you are looking towards the future and potential costs. Something unexpected could happen, make sure you're prepared for that.

Luckiest day: October 13

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20)

If people around you are making trouble for you it's probably best you to do everything possible to ignore them. They only want attention from you, so if you don't respond to them they will probably leave you alone.

Luckiest day: October 19

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)

You're going to have some decisions to make over the next while. If it is regarding friends or family you're going to have to look at what is best for you and forget about what everyone is telling you. Follow your intuition.

Luckiest day: October 14

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20)

You are about to be presented with more than one situation to deal with. You are going to have to be careful when dealing with these various issues that you don't hurt or offend anyone. You may need their help in the future.

Luckiest day: October 16

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Expect a sudden change for the better in the next little while. A new situation is exactly what you need right now. Don't dwell on past situations; just charge into the future with what you feel is best. Don't be bossed around.

Luckiest day: October 19

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

You are going to have to make a decision around work or school. In either case you have to examine what you really want and what is the best solution to help you get to your goals. Other's advice may help.

Luckiest day: October 18

Leo (July 23-August 22)

If it feels like friends are trying to quarrel with you do what is necessary to get them to leave you alone. Don't hesitate to defend yourself verbally; you don't have to protect anyone's feelings if they are trying to hurt you.

Luckiest day: October 16

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You are going to have to start finishing any issues you have left unresolved. Decisions are going to have to be made quickly. Do what is best for you and make sure people trying to persuade you in a certain direction know that.

Luckiest day: October 19

Daniel Roth is a Journalism graduate of Conestoga College and is currently a Communication Studies student at Wilfrid Laurier. He has studied Astrology and other topics of that genre for almost ten years.

Food for Thought

Ali Baba Steak House



4 out of a possible 5 fudgies

130 King Street South
Waterloo, ON
Tel. 519.886.2550

LAURIE SADOWSKI
Food Critic

What do you get when you take a pile of incredible food, add service that is too good to be true, combine it with a huge and affordable array of cocktails, wines and the like, mix in an atmosphere to die for, and throw it conveniently down the street at a close location? Easy: Ali Baba Steak House.

The moment I walked across

the street toward the restaurant, I knew we were in for a treat when we could hear the easy sounds of Frank Sinatra.

Stepping through the door, we were immediately engulfed in bold colours, dim lighting and a great looking environment.

We were greeted with a smile and led to our table, which was a huge half circle booth - the table, in fact, was pulled out for us to get in and then pushed back in, but was only stopped when asked, "Is that good for you girls?"

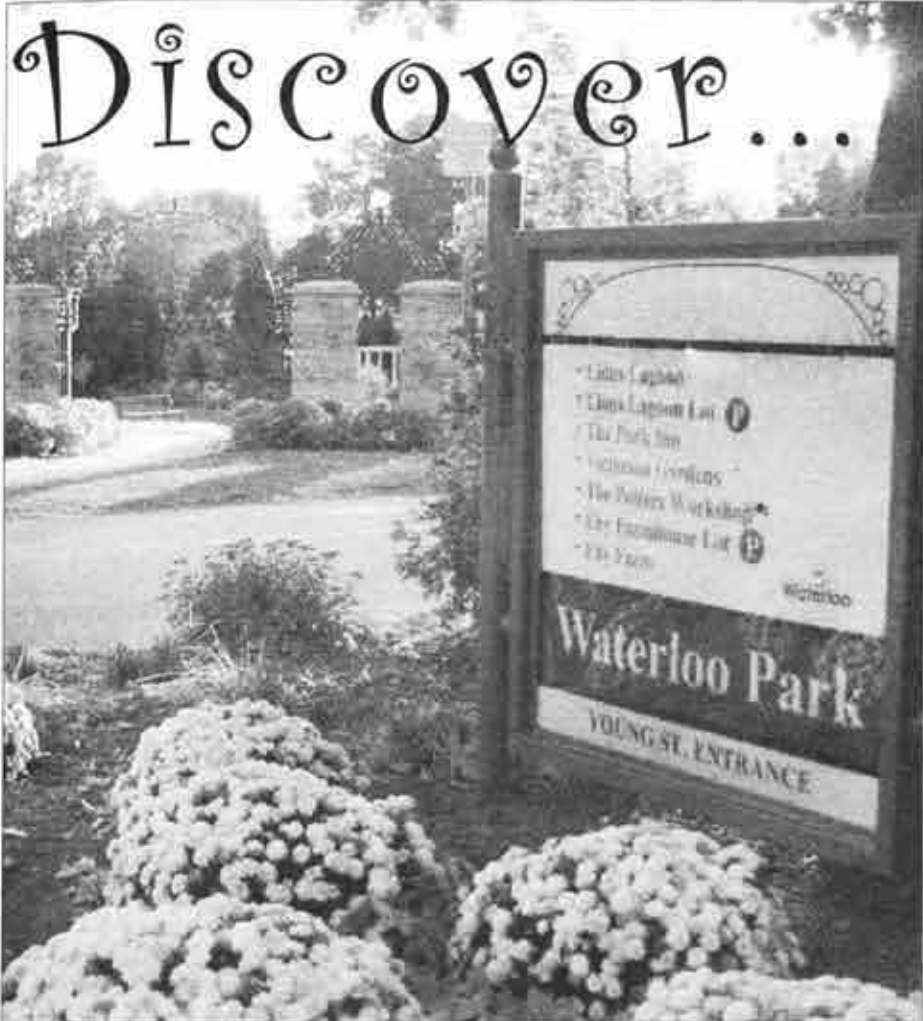
Initial reaction: very impressed. Seriously, I expect great service and a great atmosphere at higher end restaurants but the table pulled out and pushed back in for us? At this point I was almost expecting to be spoon-fed, too.

Our meal began with a basket of warm rolls, fresh butter, homemade pickles and kalamata olives

as compliments to our meal. Very soon afterward, our Caesar salad arrived. One of Ali Baba's trademarks is the Caesar salad prepared right at the table. We had our choice of ingredients (garlic, anchovies, Tabasco sauce, croutons, bacon bits, parmesan cheese). In addition, she added a couple of egg yolks, juice squeezed from fresh lemons, oil and Worcester sauce. It was all mixed together right before our hungry eyes, and then divided between the two of us. The single portion that we ordered to share was quite large, very delicious and full of flavour.

Shortly after, we received our coconut shrimp and egg roll appetizer. Served with warm plum-dipping sauce, both had a non-greasy but yummy fried taste that made our mouths water.

- Please see **Food**, page 15



Erin Moore

Discover...

Steak house goodness

- Food, from page 14

My eating companion, a coconut shrimp connoisseur, immediately stated that the shrimp was "way better than the Red Lobster ones that I had last week".

They were quite large, with a sweet taste and covered with fresh coconut. Not even a huge shrimp or coconut fan, I decided that even the most pretentious shrimp would leave the ocean to be a part of this dish.

Our waitress then arrived with a golf-ball sized scoop of lemon sorbet, simply to cleanse our palette.

Our main courses arrived next. The New York strip, priced at a mere \$24.50 for an eight ounce cut, was cooked to perfection. It came with carrots and turnip, garlic mashed potatoes, and a large portion of sautéed mushrooms.

My Supreme of Chicken was an oven roasted, grain fed chicken, stuffed with brie and asparagus, served in a forest mushroom sauce. This also came with the same veggies, and I chose red skinned roasted potatoes, which were both served on the side so not to interrupt the beautiful presentation of my chicken. A signature dish, it was simply amazing.

We were officially stuffed when the owner, Paul, came over and insisted on dessert. Our stomachs also insisted, and we asked for the dessert for which they are

best known. His swift answer was the gypsy pudding consisting of layers of sweet goodness (a cake-base, tonnes of whipped cream, ice cream and strawberries, topped with cinnamon) – so delicious.

Similar to the Caesar salad, the specialty coffees are concocted right at the table. Made with various alcohols, they are flambéed right before your eyes. The blueberry tea was a mixture of Grand Marnier, Amaretto, and Red Rose tea, finished off with orange slices, orange cloves and a cinnamon stick. The alcohol taste was prominent (comparable to that of a martini) but incredible. It was clear why this was one of their trademarks.

It is hard to sum up the Ali Baba Steakhouse – there is so much more to it, and I highly recommend going to taste the experience. Our bill did not clear \$80. Additionally, the fantastic service, music, lighting, booths and staff made the experience incredible. Paul stopped by our table to chat with us periodically throughout the meal and was a friendly and gracious host.

I believe this experience can be summed up quickly and easily. After finishing, my sister closed her eyes, smiled, and uttered three words that I have never heard her say to me before. Not "I am full", but instead, with love in her heart and so, so much good food in her stomach, she whispered, "I love you."



Colin Duffett

The dining experience at Ali Baba's Steak House proved to be quite excellent for Food Critic Laurie Sadowski and her dining companion.

This week Mallett explores the natural habitat of the Waterloo Park bunnies and llamas

AMY MALLET
Staff Writer

Looking back upon your reasons for coming to Wilfrid Laurier University, I am sure that each of you will come up with many different explanations for choosing this school.

I myself chose Laurier because it was close to my hometown, it was bursting at the seams with enthusiastic volunteers and it was located in a relatively small city, close enough to the country that I could still get a sense of my rural roots in surroundings not made completely of concrete.

Now, you may call me a hick if you like, and the fact that my dad owns a pair of cowboy boots and that my mom goes line-dancing three times a week won't do much to dissuade you in your

opinions, but perhaps in this instance my 'hick-ness' will prove useful.

While searching Waterloo this week to discover a new venue to write about, I decided to go wandering through the quickly colouring leaves of autumn, trying to find a hint of home amidst the busy city, and found myself in Waterloo Park.

Walk around and collect your thoughts.

As midterms quickly approach and most of us look with loathing toward future days spent in endless hours at the library, it is time now to enjoy the weather, however cold it may have quickly become, and perhaps take a stroll through

Waterloo Park, accessible from both Albert Street and Seagram Drive.

Throughout the seasons, the park has much to offer, whether it be a place to sit and study, to walk around and collect your thoughts in a natural setting or to go and watch the animals in the centre of the park. Or, if you want to step back into your childhood, you can venture to the swings in the playground, and during the summer months, watch as children play in the water park.

Soon, as the snow inevitably settles upon Waterloo, the park will be lit up for its annual festival of lights and will provide a great study relief for all.

So, if you're beginning to feel the stresses of school building up and there seems to be no escape in sight, finding a haven may be easier than you think. Just head on down to Waterloo Park and discover what George Costanza might term 'serenity now!' just a few blocks away from Laurier.

Back by popular demand...

Crazy Tuesday's
WET T-SHIRT NIGHT!

Sponsored by the SMOG SHOP
CANADIAN AUTO ASSOCIATES

Get \$50 just for entering!

9 weekly prize, Grand Prize

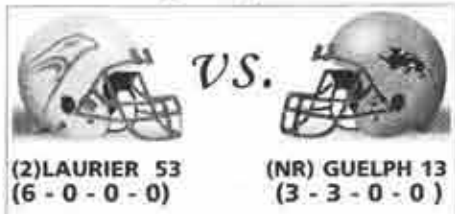


MANOR

ADULT ENTERTAINMENT COMPLEX
211 Silvercreek Pkwy. S., Guelph

Golden Hawks strut to 40-point victory

Laurier dominant despite below average performance: still on top



MIKE BROWN
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving weekend brought no rest for the Laurier Golden Hawks' gridiron warriors, as they travelled to Guelph to take on a 3 - 2 Gryphons squad. Despite not playing their best game, the Hawks' victory was never in doubt, as they cruised to a 53 - 13 win to up their OUA leading record to 6 - 0.

The cold and blustery Saturday afternoon affair showcased the Laurier offence, particularly their passing attack. Quarterback Ryan Pyear threw for 234 yards and four touchdowns in an excellent all-around performance. On the ground, Nick Cameron added 155 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries.

Laurier opened the scoring on a short Brian Devlin field goal about six minutes in. Cameron's touchdown run and a safety gave them an 11 - 0 advantage after 15 minutes.

The Gryphons got on the board early in the second quarter when kicker Graydon Baker split the uprights to make it 11 - 3.

Pyear, however, began his air assault by spreading the ball amongst his three favourite targets on the day, notching touchdown passes to Mike Maurice, Joel Wright and Andrew Agro before the quarter was out.

"...we have to be better next week when we play Ottawa."

- Gary Jeffries, Head Coach

Despite late scores by Guelph, a 50-yard TD hookup between quarterback Neil Balthazaar and wide receiver Jeff Keegan - the only bright spot on an otherwise paltry performance by Balthazaar - and a 48 yard field goal from Baker, Laurier entered the locker room with a commanding 32 - 12 lead.

The Golden Hawks continued to pad their lead in the third quarter. After a touchdown pass to Agro was negated by one of many penalties on the day (uncharacteristic for a team that entered the game as the least penalized team in the nation), Devlin increased the lead to 35 - 12. Later in the quarter, Pyear found Agro in the end zone again, increasing the lead to 42 - 13 entering the final frame.

Coach Gary Jeffries used the blowout to cycle in some more inexperienced players, but the lead only grew. Both teams added singles and Bobby Kootstra returned a Guelph fumble for the major to put the cap on a 53 - 13 thrashing.

Despite the win, there were some disconcerting lapses by the Laurier squad. Four botched snaps held the offence back slightly, though the scoreboard didn't show it. Moreover, as Coach Jeffries noted after the game, penalties were a problem. "We took the first two undisciplined penalties we've taken all



www.laurierathletics.com

Nick Cameron breaks one tackle as a Guelph defender eats grass.

year," said Jeffries. "We haven't had a roughing or an objectionable; today we got two."

The coach remained confident about his team, however, saying they would fix any problems. "I think we won today kind

"...we can count on anyone to make plays for us."

- Andrew Agro

of ugly," remarked Jeffries. "It wasn't our best performance, but good teams can win when they aren't playing as well as we have.... We just have to keep elevating, and we have to be better next week when we play Ottawa."

Veteran Agro, who put up big numbers against Guelph (six

receptions for 106 yards and two touchdowns), was also quick to praise the 5 - 1 Ottawa Gee Gees. "Their passing attack's quite good, and we respect their team."

He continued with confidence, though: "I think it's pretty hard for teams right now to pull out scouting reports on us, not knowing whether to stop our run or stop our pass.... We're pretty balanced and we can count on anyone to make plays for us."

The Golden Hawks have reason to be confident. Barring any major lapses, they should be able to outplay Ottawa, who have been the benefactors of an easy schedule and whose most impressive win thus far came against the very same Guelph squad that Laurier manhandled this weekend.

Coach Moe loses battle with cancer

Remembered as a giving man with a passion for the game

BRYAN SHINN
Sports Editor

Murray Reidel, an assistant coach with Laurier's baseball team succumbed to lung cancer last Thursday at the age of 57.

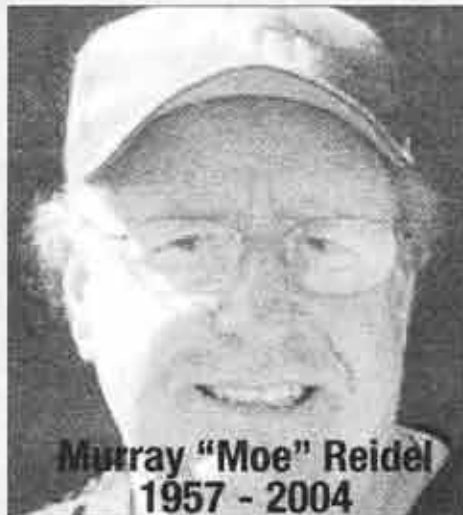
Reidel, who battled the terminal disease for over a year, was a part of the Hawks' team for three years as a pitching, catching, first base and bench coach. Prior to his time at Laurier, Reidel spent nearly 14 years as a volunteer in Kitchener-Waterloo minor baseball.

Peter Baxter, Director of Athletics and Recreation, spoke of the man affectionately known as "Moe" as someone with a big sense of humour and even bigger heart.

"Moe had a character which people were drawn to," said Baxter.

Even as his strength weakened, his passion for baseball and the players he coached never wavered.

"He especially loved working with young players and helping them develop, not only as players, but also as young men," explained Scott Ballantyne, a former player and currently an assistant coach with the team.



www.laurierathletics.com

"He made it fun to play baseball for the Hawks," added Baxter.

Last spring, Reidel was awarded the Tuffy Knight Award for his major contributions to Laurier athletics.

"He always has an interest in what the young men were doing on the baseball field," said Baxter. Such a passion for the game was present while in the dugout and in the hospital.

The baseball squad, who finished the season with an 8 - 10 record, just shy of a playoff spot, have since dedicated the season in Moe's honour.

But according to Ballantyne, the Hawks will always honour Reidel.

"In the years to come, it will be our goal to keep Moe's spirit alive by passing on his love for the game to future players at Laurier," he said.

Reidel is survived by his wife of 34 years, Judy, and their two children, Judd and Jana.

Women ready for season after taking two in tourney

CAITLIN HOWLETT
Editor-in-Chief

While most were indulging in the guilty pleasures of turkey and pumpkin pie, the Golden Hawks women's hockey team was brushing up on their skills for their season opener.

The Laurier Thanksgiving Hockey Classic saw the Hawks take small victories over McGill on Saturday October 9 and Concordia on Sunday October 10.

Against the Redmen, the Hawks lost defensive powerhouse Ashley Stephenson to an ankle injury less than five minutes into the opening period. It took nearly the entire team to help the visibly shaken captain off the ice. She was later escorted to the dressing room by Laurier Athletics trainer Jamie Carlson.

A dismal crowd, expected on the holiday, was treated to a 1 - 0 win over the Redmen. Solid play came defensively from Andrea

Bevan and netminder Cindy Eadie, while offensive hustle was visible from right winger Jessica Singh and centre, Jenn Heslin.

Sunday's game against the Concordia Stingers opened not with an injury, but a slight delay as the power failed in Clarica Arena at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex. The

Hawks' were able to put the delay behind them and skate to a 3 - 1 victory.

The ladies will continue their pre-season play until they open the 2004 season on October 22 at home at Albert McCormick Arena against Queens. The puck drops at 7:30 pm.



Caitlin Howlett

Alternate captain Laurissa Kenworthy cycles the puck around the Redman tender in pre-season action at Clarica Arena last Saturday.

Wingspan

BALLERS FALL SHORT AGAINST SOUTHERN STACKHOUSE

The men's basketball team welcomed Bradley University, a Division I team from Illinois, to the Athletic Complex last Sunday as part the Braves' southern Ontario tour. While the Hawks were able to keep the game close throughout, the Braves' superior size and athleticism was simply too much for the home team. Andrew MacKay led the Hawks in scoring with 24, while Todd Cooney chipped in with 11

in the 74 - 70 loss. Next weekend, the Hawks will welcome York, Winnipeg and UBC to Waterloo for the Hawk Challenge Tournament.

DRAW WITH ARMY

The men's soccer team took a step backwards last weekend against the Royal Military College. Despite a strong defensive showing, the Hawks were unable to generate any scoring in the 0 - 0 draw. The tie allowed Waterloo, who beat the same RMC team, to tie the Hawks for second place in Ontario's West with three games remaining. The top three teams from each division advance to the playoffs.

WOMEN DRAW TOO

For the fifth straight week, the

women's soccer squad walked off the pitch the same way they entered it, with a tie. Last Friday's 0 - 0 draw was the third consecutive game in which neither team scored, as the Hawks continue to battle for playoff positioning. With a win and five ties sandwiching two losses, the Hawks now sit at third place, two points behind Waterloo. In the squad's three remaining games, the Hawks will face the Warriors twice.

RUGGERS ON A LOSING STREAK

Laurier's women's rugby team continued its disappointing 2004 campaign on Friday with a 34 - 5 loss at the hands of the Brock Badgers. Melissa Paterak scored the lone try for the Golden Hawks who remain at the bottom of the Ontario Russell division with only 1 point. The Hawks will play their last game of the season next weekend against Trent, a game that will determine third place.

-Compiled by Bryan Shinn



CURSED

In 1918, following the Boston Red Sox's fifth World Series, owner Harry Frazee sold the rights of a young Babe Ruth to the Yankees in order to pay for his girlfriend's play. Some 86 years later, Sox are a theatrical mockery having watched the Yankees win an unprecedented 26 times (26 more than the they're got). In game one of the American League finals on Monday night, pitcher Curt Schilling claimed he would silence Yankee Stadium. Three innings and six runs later, Schilling was pulled in front of an anything but silence Bronx crowd. By now the Sox should know better than to encourage the curse.

NEW ENGLAND SPECIAL

There's only one team the Sox hate more than the Yankees and it's their city's own football team. Under the leadership of genius Bill Belichick, the Patriots have won a record 19 games in a row, and are the reigning champions for the second straight year. Not only is the curse vicious but it's downright crafty. Clearly there is only one bowl of clam chowder in Beantown and the Sox ain't ever getting a taste.

CORN-ON-THE-KOBE,

The crockpot destruction of Kobe Bryant continued this week with the release of excerpts from Coach Phil Jackson's diary. In the soon-to-be-published work Jackson claims Bryant actually criticized the organization for financing a private jet for the star to use during his sexual assault case because it was inadequate and made it clear that if Shaq returned he wouldn't have. Watch for Kobe to realize early in the season just how much of a superstar he isn't without the most dominant player in the league on his side. Bryant can take his personally financed private jet home after the Lakers are destroyed in the first round of the playoffs next season.

PRIME MINISTER OF HOCKEY

While on tour in Russia, Liberal leader Paul Martin took time out of another busy day of prime ministering to speak to Echo Moscow Radio about, what else, hockey. Apparently Martin, or the politically correct Don Cherry, wants both parties to come to an agreement, and thanked Russians for their contributions to the game. On behalf of Canada, I would like to thank Martin for reinforcing cheesy stereotypes and avoiding real work. If Martin organizes a road hockey game with Bono I'm moving to East Timor.

GOLDEN HAWK UPDATE

Week of to October 11-15, 2004

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

10/08/04

W Rugby 5, Brock 34

10/09/04

M Football 53, Guelph 13
W Hockey 1, McGill 0

10/10/04

M Basketball 70, Bradley 74
W Hockey 3, Concordia 1

10/11/04

W Hockey 1, Concordia 2 (OT)

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

10/15/04

W Basketball vs. Trinity
4:00 PM, Athletic Complex

Swimming vs. McMaster
6:30 PM, Athletic Complex

10/16/04

M Football vs. Ottawa,
2:00 PM, University Stadium

W & M Rugby vs. Trent,
2:30/4:30, PM Pillers Field

W Basketball vs. Alberta
4:00 PM, Athletic Complex

10/17/04

W Hockey vs. Waterloo
7:30 PM, Albert McCormick

Men's Basketball
HAWK CHALLENGE



Rowena Garcia

Laurier's soccer squad was held scoreless last weekend.

Teach English Overseas



ESL Teacher Training Courses

- Intensive 60-Hour Program
- Classroom Management Techniques
- Detailed Lesson Planning
- Comprehensive Teaching Materials
- Internationally Recognized Certificate
- Job Guarantee Included
- Thousands of Satisfied Students

Oxford Seminars

1-800-269-6719 / 416-924-3240

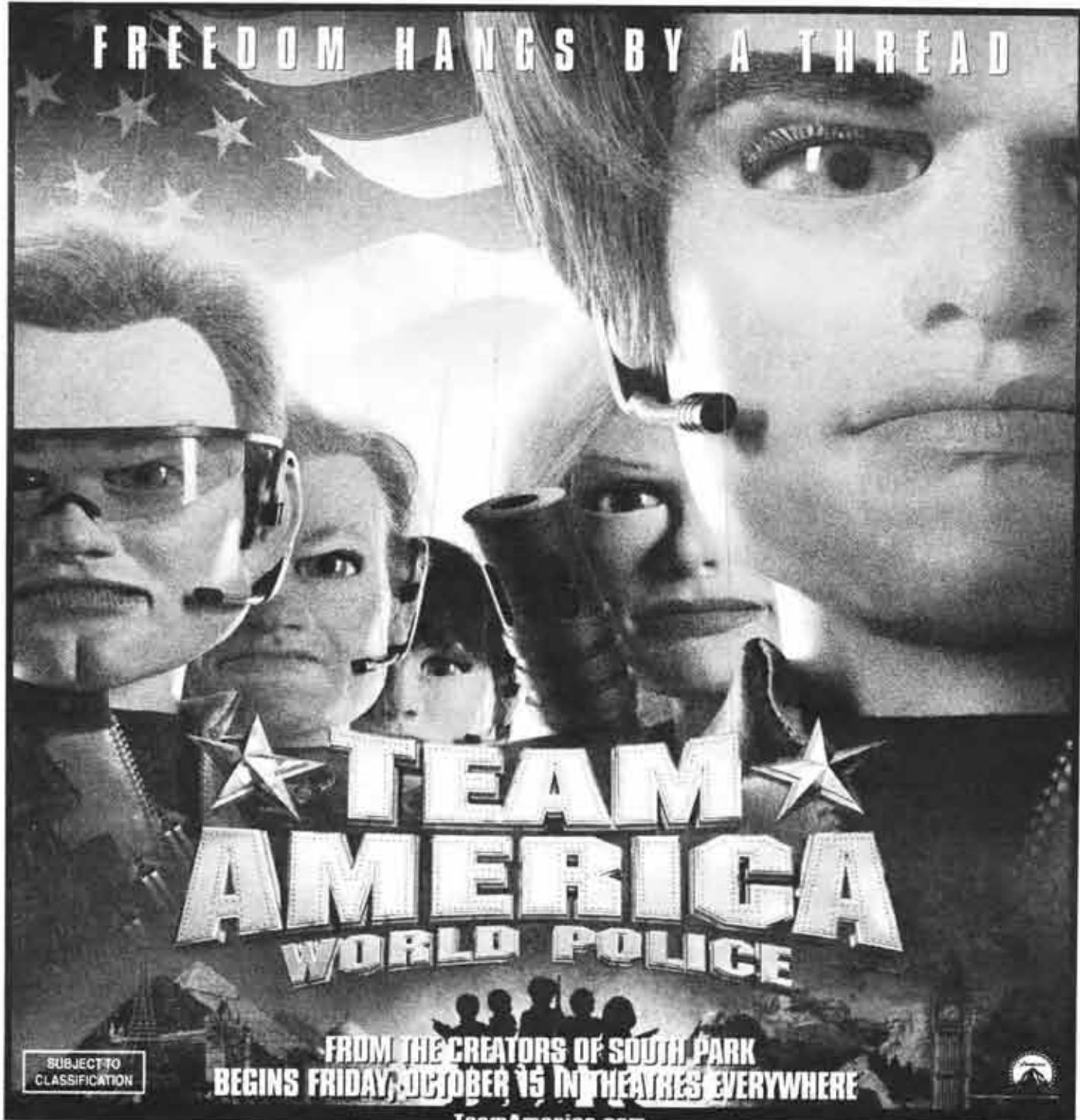
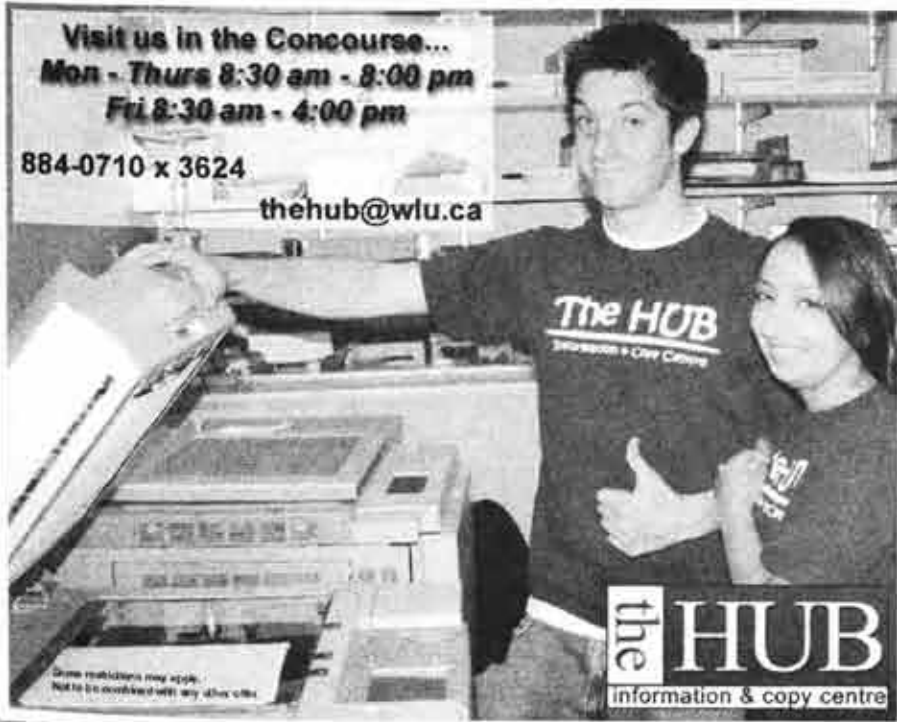
www.oxfordseminars.com

1/2 price copying on all resumes and cover letters

Visit us in the Concourse...
Mon - Thurs 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

884-0710 x 3624

thehub@wlu.ca



Breach of Trust's good and bad trips

Canadian rock band will open for The Tea Party's Toronto area shows, including an October 29 show at Elements in Kitchener

KARA BERTRAND
Cord Entertainment

Formed in 1994, Breach of Trust is no stranger to the rock world. The band is about to embark on a four-show tour with The Tea Party, and was in town recently to visit university and college campuses in the area. Band members Marty Ballentyne and Bill Aubut came to Laurier to sit down and talk about their new album, the tour and music.

The band arrived a day after taping a music video for "Bad Trip", a performance clip with resonance of "nightmarish, dark imagery," in Toronto. The experience was a good one, and the video will premiere November 1 on MuchMusic. The band was in Vancouver over the past year recording the self-titled follow up

to 2000's *Songs for Dying Nations*. The new album, out November 2, will be more polished sonically and more musically diverse than the rawer *Songs*.

Asked to describe their music in a few words, Aubut responded, "not metal, just rock 'n' roll". Breach of Trust has had a few personnel changes in the past with respect to group members but feel that while this has affected their music style, there's also a fresh energy to the band. Brent Stutsky and Dean Zabalotney joined the band before the new album and have fit right in with Ballentyne and Aubut.

Touring all across Canada has allowed the band to see most of the country. Montreal and Sydney were mentioned as favourite cities, but Ottawa took high hon-

ours. "Even when we're starting from scratch and they don't know who we are, they always seem to respond. So it's a good time," explained Ballentyne. Every city seems to have a different crowd and neither of the two seemed to have had bad experiences on tour.

Every band has its inspirations and Breach of Trust is no exception. Rush, Kiss, Cheap Trick and The Ramones were listed as favourites. Marty said of music today, "There's so many musicians that it's easy to be inspired. And there's always so much good stuff. Sometimes you have to look a little harder for it ... you just have to dig a little."

With the amount of free music on the Internet, it's always interesting to find out what bands think of the availability of their work. Ballentyne said this could

of course affect their record sales but he also had advice: "You can't really stop it, so you have to adjust your expectations." He believes it's not wrong that the music is available, but doesn't "think it's right that people take it all for free either." For the music lovers who enjoy listening to music on the computer? "I don't think it's necessarily wrong, you just have to keep in mind what's going on."

Breach of Trust will be at Elements in Kitchener for an October 29 show with The Tea Party. The two bands are label mates, and The Tea Party asked them to open some shows in the Toronto area. Tickets are still available at Ticketmaster outlets.

To find out more about the band, visit their official website: Breachoftrust.ca



Contributed Photo

The boys of Breach of Trust gaze anxiously into the camera.

Night Lights semi-bright

Robert Crocco
Brad Skelton

Movie Critics



Rob: *Friday Night Lights* delivers a real life football story. Unlike the dismissible *Varsity Blues*, Billy Bob Thornton and his cast of unknowns portray a very believable story that evokes true passions concerning all areas of football: the fans, the parents, the coaches and above all, the players.

Based on a true story, the small town of Odessa, Texas, acts as a breeding ground for high school players with heightened expectations. The citizens of Odessa place an unimaginable amount of pressure on The Panthers to win a state championship. In Odessa, winning is everything; threats are given and parents are abusive. In Odessa, the game of football is as valued as life itself.

In the United States, athletics are a gateway into college and *Friday Night Lights* exploits this notion in such a way that it actually seems to negate this tradition. For most of the players - at least the main characters - they rely solely on football as a means of bettering themselves; in fact, the parents actually endorse this concept.

The fans are drunken has-beens who only seem to utter the words 'y'all better win state'. Sadly, it seems that in Odessa, salvation is achieved through Panther football, and there are two ways of achieving this: win state and spend the rest of your life getting drunk talking about it, or win state and be recruited to college - either way, losing state is not an option.

In short, *Friday Night Lights* is a thoughtful football movie that underlines the perseverance of its players in the face of numerous adversities - on and off the field. The film is probable and believable, unlike *Varsity Blues*, which turns the game of football into a farce. *Friday Night Lights* is vivid with realism and inspiration - a true gem



Contributed Photo

Billy Bob Thornton delivering some sort of motivational speech. I don't know how that could be effective. He's way too creepy.

of a football movie.

Brad: *Friday Night Lights* is a good movie but a highly conventional one, which presents a problem: even if all of the genre elements are delivered as well as possible, we've still seen it countless times before. In cases like this the critic must make certain concessions and praise the film for being realistic, character oriented and sincere, but one wishes for more than typical Hollywood sentiments.

If you can't already guess that the team will make it to the Championship, I'd like to talk to you.

We see the film through the eyes of several of the seniors on the team, as well as their coach played by Billy Bob Thornton (who's effective but could play a role like this in his sleep). The team is off to a bad start because most of the players aren't very big, but hopefully with a little pluck and determination they will make it to the Texas State Championships. If there is anyone reading this article who can't already guess that the Odessa team will make it to the Championship game (in spite of some dramatic setbacks) then I'd like to sit down and talk to you.

But all of us should realize that being a sports movie, of

course everything will come down to the final seconds of the final play of the big game. What the film does extremely well is to show the almost pathetic desperation with which the people of Odessa rely on their high school football players for some sense of identity.

At one point the injured star quarterback (Derek Luke) is put back in play against a rival team, and even though this is criminally irresponsible we can understand the fanatical atmosphere that would make even the quarterback himself want to play while nursing an injury.

The young actors in this movie are uniformly strong and essentially carry the picture, but the big surprise is Tim McGraw as a convincingly over-zealous football dad; the heartwarming finale may soften his character unnecessarily, but the performance is still good.

As for director Peter Berg, he is quickly establishing himself as someone who can deliver solid mainstream entertainment (after his appalling debut with *Very Bad Things*, he had no place to go but up).

So in spite of its predictability *Friday Night Lights* is decent entertainment, as long as you can stomach the rigid formulas. If you ever played football in school then many of the details will no doubt ring true, and if you've ever seen a sports movie then you'll surely be on familiar ground.

Musical cross-marketing mania

Chris Collie



On Another Note...

Apparently it's tough to make a profit in the music business, and according to the industry associations, it's only gotten tougher with the proliferation of illegal downloading that has occurred since the 'Internet revolution'.

It's an industry that has been looped with endless stories of cut-throat business practices, alongside the realities of a high-risk and high-turnover environment due to those fickle and liquid audience tastes. But surely none of this comes as a surprise to those within the School of Business and Economics here at WLU - because in an industry with such limited access to quick transport into the financial green zone, parties involved tend to be screwed with all practices involving money.

At the altitude level of major labels, it's rumored that for any artist to start reaping the fiscal rewards of their craft, sales of their recording must reach an average peak of 1.5 million units. This figure revolves around recouping the wealth of money sunk into the project before it hits the shelf such as production and recording, manufacturing, marketing, and distribution - all of which are subsequently deducted from the project's earnings before profits are passed onto the artists themselves. It's never a free ride, as a large percentage of perceived royalties paid out are in fact advances on future potential earnings, and must be paid back if not matched with market sales.

So to combat the tricky fact that very few artists will ever reach sales over 1.5 million, labels and artists begin to diversify into other areas - generally markets which have a visual or emotional tie to the music - helping to branch out bottom line earnings for both label and artist.

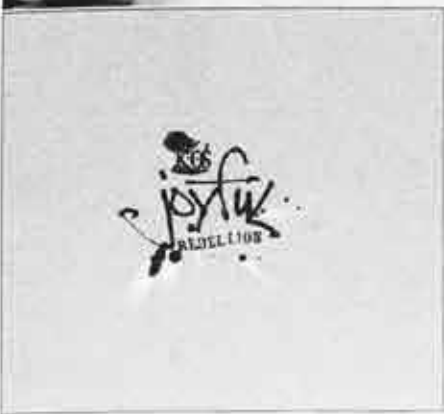
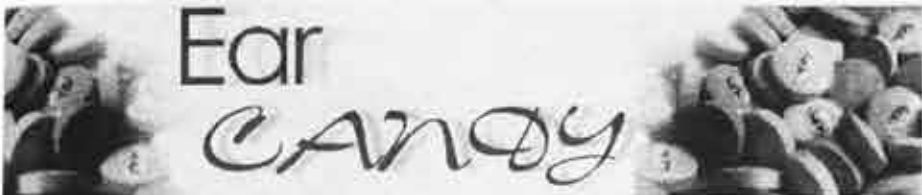
Whether or not the consumer is consciously aware of these ties from the listening end, or the associated product end, varies in degrees of obviousness and subtlety. But at the end of the day when you're playing in the big leagues, all aspects that make up an artist's existence equate to a brand, and one that can be used and manipulated for other purposes than just selling music. It's not a pretty fact, but one that has grown stronger throughout recent decades.

The most obvious and utilized synergy exists when apparel is tied to music - for example the clothing/shoe companies owned in part by Mark Hoppus and Tom DeLonge from Blink 182, Atticus and Macbeth. It's no accident that the items produced by these companies are worn by the band in music videos, during interviews and on stage. It all takes place to harness the cultural power behind the group's image, eventually translated into the buying power of those who dig what they see.

Blink 182 didn't learn this on their own, as they only started these two companies after being sponsored to wear Hurley products back in the day. The theory goes: why sell the wares of a third-party company on top of your image when you can reap a far greater percentage of the profits by owning the company yourself? Instead of being the wage-earning workers, Blink 182 decided to be the profit hoarding capitalists.

But the market synergies between music and the plethora of associated products also goes much further than just clothing, so let's look toward the kings of this strategy, the Roc-a-Fella Records empire and its chief architect Damon Dash. Artists from the label have been brandishing and speaking to the RoccaWear clothing line for ever, a line of urban styles the label created and owns. But the diver-

- Please see **Money**, page 19



K-OS



4.5 out of a possible 5 crabs

Title: Joyful Rebellion
Label: Astralwerks
Release Date: Sept. 21, 2004

For the Trinidad-born, Toronto-raised Kevin Bereton, better known as K-OS, his main concern is the current state of hip-hop. Produced and written by K-OS, *Joyful Rebellion* draws heavily from and seamlessly fuses together the full range of musical experience; from rap to jazz, rock and pop, blues and reggae, and everything in between.

Expanding on the same message that he delivered on his critically acclaimed 2002 debut album, *Exit*, K-OS preaches the values of spirituality, love and the positive effects that come from not following everything the label tells you to do. On his opener, "Emcee Murdah", he reminds us of that from the start. Spitting slow frustrated rhymes against a gloomy guitar loop, K-OS complains, "Emcees keep faking/ Hoping to make the

bacon," insisting that "they want the cash flow/ They steady schemin' for the #1 spot."

To follow up the opener, K-OS shows us his Caribbean roots with his Marley-esque reggae of "Crucial", which showcases his abilities to incorporate hardcore reggae elements into pure pop songs. The tone then changes as we are confronted with the familiar lock-step beat of MJ's "Billie Jean" in "Man I Used to Be", which comes complete with velvety string loops.

To relate to himself more, the jazz and funk heavy "Crabuckit" speaks to the age-old "crabs in the bucket" phenomenon. The upright bass stabs, gospel hand claps and horn solos add ornaments to his hopeful vocal plea that there's "no time to get down, 'cause I'm movin' up." Just when you think the album is going to move further away from hip-hop, K-OS invites you back to '88 with some classic 808 drums and his first single "B-Boy Stance", which is the old-school anthem that goes out to all of the founding-fathers of hip-hop. Another honourable mention goes out to his next single, "The Love Song", in which he is encouraging everyone not to believe the hype accompanied by pounding piano chords and dramatic strings.

Although a well-known artist in Canada, K-OS is an underground MC at best in the U.S. His style might be rebellious against the current mainstream rap, but it's definitely a joyful rebellion in my opinion.

-Leo Yu

Music, shoes and vodka

- Money, from page 18

sification has not stopped at clothing. It has traversed into the realms of alcohol with Armandale Vodka, movies with Roc-a-Fella Films and other cultural products like America magazine - all companies Roc-a-Fella owns. Interestingly enough, these organizations all make products that can be associated with the brand and identities of the Roc-a-Fella artists by being mentioned in their lyrics, hyped through various media situations they're involved in, and eased into the culture through word of mouth on stage. If you want to

run shit like Jay-Z does, you better order Armandale next time you're at the club.

Now, Roc-a-Fella is creating its own line of digital music players, similar in vein to the hugely successful Apple iPod, and also entering the jewelry market in the near future. I wonder, if they can't think of a great music video treatment involving the digital player music player, will it turn up in the next release from Roc-a-Fella films? Ask your marketing professor what they think might happen - chances are they wrote a thesis on 'music marketing synergies of the new millennium' when they were in grad school.

Christopher Reeve: 1952 - 2004

JANET LINSEMAN
Production Assistant

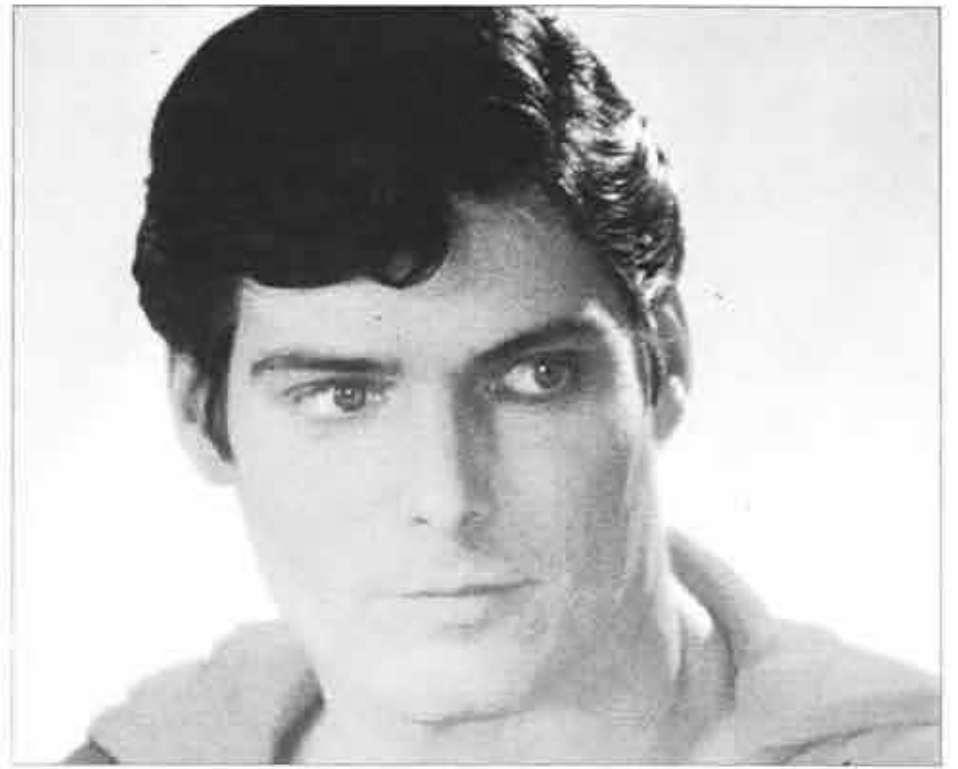
Superman has died.

Sunday, October 10, Christopher Reeve, the star of Superman I-IV, passed away. He had been fighting off an infected pressure wound, common in paralysis victims. He went into cardiac arrest and slipped into a coma, dying Sunday.

In May of 1995, Reeve was rendered a quadriplegic after a horseback riding accident, confining him to a wheelchair, and necessitating the use of a ventilator to breathe.

Reeve brought paralysis into the public sphere. He became an advocate for cures to Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, MS, ALS, stroke, and spinal cord injuries.

He headed the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation, determinedly campaigning for funding and stem cell research, which has been key to progress towards a cure. Under his leadership, the National Institutes of



Health's budget grew from \$12 billion US in 1998 to \$27 billion US in 2003. Reeve's determination to one day walk again gave hope to paralysis victims everywhere.

He did make steps toward his

dream: he was able to move his thumb and index finger and, with the help of new research, he was able to go longer periods of time without a ventilator. Reeve was 52.

it's so simple...

to win Simple Plan tickets

Tuesday

October 19

@ Elements

(Kitchener)

A limited number of FREE tickets

Get a pair of free tickets when you bring in a completed copy of *The Cord's* crossword from the October 14 issue

In association with...

THE CORD WEEKLY

The tie that binds since 1926

For more information, please call 884-0710 x 3563 or visit the WLUSP office located in the basement of MacDonald House residence

ROGERS WIRELESS



one Heck of a Wednesday!

pizza and pitcher wednesdays
all request music with BMAAC
hip-hop, r'n'b, top40, rock, emo, punk

Bird's the word in Laurier gallery

Tara Cooper's exhibit, *Forgotten Stories and Other Bird-like Movements*, is on display in the Robert Langen Gallery until Saturday, October 30

Cord Arts Review

BRITTANY LAVERY
Cord Arts

If I were asked to describe the work of Toronto-based artist Tara Cooper in a few words, my synopsis would be as follows: a fascinating collage of random, kitschy paraphernalia that manages to give off an aura reminiscent of *Roughing It in the Bush*. Cooper, whose work has been presented in various galleries all across North America, has her exhibit *Forgotten Stories and Other Bird-like Movements*, featured in the Robert Langen Gallery this month, from October 6 to October 30.

The artist works in a variety of mixed media and incorporates a large amount of found objects into her pieces. All these objects look like products of a fruitful trip to the antique shop, if not rare finds at thrift stores; hence the kitschiness that radiates from Cooper's work. Plastic toy shepherds, farmers and soldiers stood austere in various positions on cracked china shelves, yellowing pages torn from old nature guidebooks authoritatively proclaimed definitions from the walls and old

photographs peered out from tucked-away corners of the works.

One thing I noticed instantly about the exhibit was the concept of space. Instead of confining her works to one piece of canvas or sculpture, Cooper's works were combinations of objects spread all over the grey backboard, sometimes taking up two or three panels. Perhaps this had something to do with the bird motif that was the main focus of Cooper's exhibit. To my untrained eye it seemed as though the use of space could possibly signify the spreading of wings.

The artist works in a variety of mixed media and incorporates a large amount of found objects into her pieces.

The way the birds (as well as other animals) were depicted was another point of interest. Birds were obviously the focal point of the display but it is the way in which they interacted with humans that made the artwork so

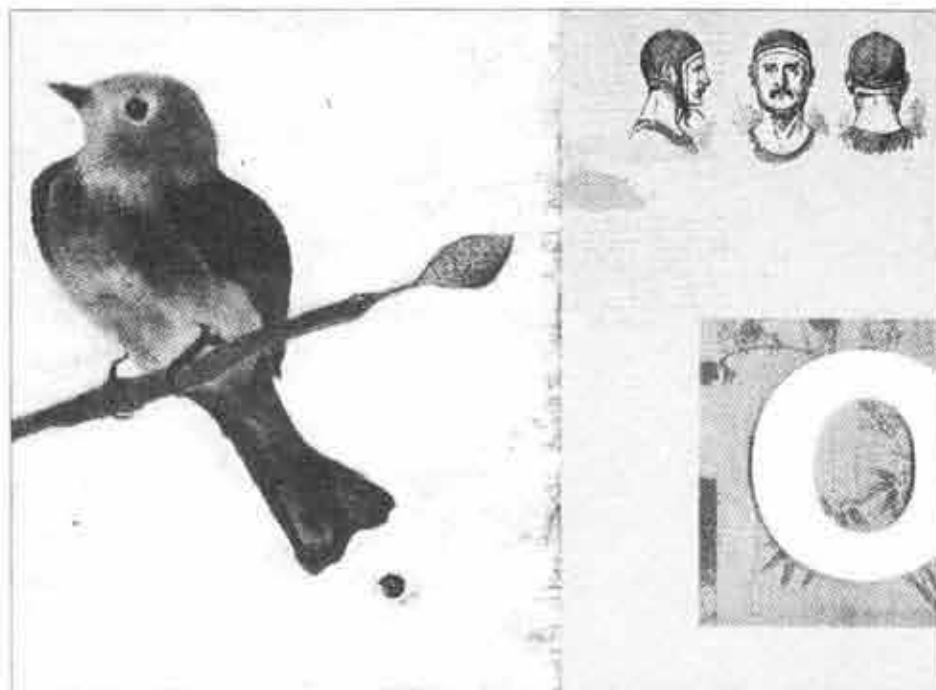
intriguing. Small, winged creatures such as sparrows decorate almost every piece, and in every piece the birds, as small as they are, completely overshadowed the humans. Pictures of men in old gym costumes were dwarfed by tiny songbirds, while other species of birds held hoops in their claws, with children playing or dangling from trapezes within the hoops.

One piece, titled "The Readers of the Weather" and created on lithograph and chine collé, was simply a collection of black-and-white sketches of several species of birds - at least, at first glance. A closer look revealed that what had appeared to be tree branches gripped in the birds' claws were actually synthetic objects ranging from a beach ball to a clutch purse, a megaphone, a suitcase, a broom and a light bulb on a long pole. This piece was very typical of the exhibit as a whole, in that humanity's castoffs were combined with representations of nature and of the animal world.

However, the most haunting piece in the display, and also my favourite of the works shown, was "Beneath the Bell Jar", a combination of lithograph, digital

images and found objects on wood. This piece, the only one that was created in vaguely poster-like form, had a very effervescent quality: small bubbles drawn in cyan blue ink floated clumsily around the work's perimeter. An image of what looked to be a small town in the throes of a Northern Canadian winter spanned the upper register, beside a sloppy blue stamp of the word "AWAY". The background was eerie, watermarked cursive writing, which read "sleepless nights aren't the only ways of getting to the truth", over and

over. At the bottom, barely noticeable, a small bird clasped a bell jar that held a blue umbrella. While I loved the exhibit, I was bemused as to Tara Cooper's meaning. What was the symbolism behind her work? I had a few ideas but thought it best to leave it to the artist to explain. Cooper was quoted rather cryptically, as explaining that her work "stems from the ongoing exploration into aspects of storytelling, in particular, how through a combination of text fragment, and disparate imagery, elusive narratives are constructed."



Tara Cooper

Cooper's piece, "Blue Bird with Three Heads," is currently on display. I would have thought a blue bird with three heads would look way more messed up than that, but what do I know?

Bowen moves in mysterious ways

Mystery author Gail Bowen gives reading at Waterloo bookstore

Cord Arts Review

VICTORIA BEGIN
Cord Arts

Bestselling Canadian mystery author Gail Bowen visited Waterloo's The Mysterious Affair bookshop on the evening of Tuesday, October 5. As part of the launch of her latest novel, *The Last Good Day*, Bowen met with fans, signed copies of her books and gave a short reading.

Even before Bowen's arrival, it was obvious that her fans were eager and excited for her appearance. Admirers of all ages milled around the mystery genre bookstore, clutching copies of the author's books, both old and new.

I had the chance to speak to one of Bowen's fans about her interest in Bowen's mystery novels. "Gail is a fantastic writer. Her characters are ordinary people who have extraordinary situations happen to them."

Another fan, equally as excited and holding Bowen's newest novel, described to me why the author's books were so important to her, personally. "Gail's books are entertaining, light reads. I feel like I can relate to the character of Joanne, as she is contemporary and likeable."

When the author entered the store, the energy in the room increased a great deal. Bowen graciously welcomed everyone in attendance, taking the time to speak individually to her fans. I watched as a long line developed

at a table set up for book signings. When the time came for Bowen to address the crowd as a whole, she began by thanking everyone for attending and briefly explaining the plot of her newest novel.

A mystery, starring Bowen's familiar heroine Joanne Kilbourn, *The Last Good Day* revolves around the suicide of one of Kilbourn's friends, leading her to an investigation. The book begins with Kilbourn as a student at law school and later moves into the present day, where the friends realize they have not been greatly successful in their accomplishments. "The last good day referred to a time when they had a lust for justice," Bowen explained to her fans.

"Women in novels seem to always have one set of rules as characters, and I felt those rules needed to be changed."

- Gail Bowen, author

Gail Bowen's heroine is, in many ways, very similar to the author herself. Both Kilbourn and Bowen have two grown children, are teachers at Saskatchewan universities and have politically connected husbands.

As Bowen read an excerpt from her novel, the audience was greatly drawn in by her use of expression and her excited tone

of voice. Her believable storyline and dialogue was also engrossing, as it was interesting and required thinking and questioning. The subtle hints dropped in the language of the novel itself were light, yet kept the reader guessing and doubting each character.

Afterwards, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to ask the author some questions about her work. When I asked about how she started in mystery writing, her answer was astonishing, as she had not started writing as a young woman.

"When I was 43 years old, I enjoyed writing with a friend. Eventually, he no longer wanted to write, and I continued. Mystery had always been one of my guilty pleasures, so I decided to pursue it."

When asked about the inspiration for her heroine, Joanne, the author's eyes lit up, and she was eager to discuss her alter-ego. "I thought it was important that, in these novels, men no longer had to be the breadwinners. Women in novels seem to always have one set of rules as characters, and I felt that those rules needed to be changed."

The owners of The Mysterious Affair, busily talking to their customers and their guest author, took the time to reflect on how it felt to have a Canadian author in their store. "Canadian authors never receive enough notice as they should. It is really exciting to see everyone here tonight, and it is always nice to have a Canadian author with us."

Cliffnotes: Arts events from the edge... of K-W

Tres bien ensemble

The WLU Symphony Orchestra will perform during an ensemble concert on October 17. The concert will take place in the Maureen Forrester Recital Hall at 3 pm and will feature the music of Johannes Brahms and Ludwig van Beethoven. Unfortunately, the program doesn't include any music by Billy van Beethoven, Ludwig's cousin who dabbled in rockabilly and electronica.

Count me in

The WLU French Club is selling tickets for their trip to the Stratford Festival to see The

Count of Monte Cristo on October 21 at 8 pm. Tickets cost \$40. E-mail wlufrancofun@hotmail.com for more information. "Francofun"? That's almost as lame as "Count me in." Almost.

The hardest working man in show-business...

Givin' it up and turnin' it loose, able to stop riots with a single "Ungh!!!," the godfather of soul JAMES BROWN will be gettin' on up like a sex machine at Kitchener-Waterloo's Centre in the Square on November 30. Tickets go on sale October 18.

Cord Arts:
Because it's better than staring at the wall.



But admittedly, it's got nothin' on eating pie.

Cowabunga, big cahunas!!!

No Beach Boys, just big waves and big thrills in surfing film

Tyler Williams



Staff Writer

Riding Giants



out of a possible 5 fudgicles

Actors: What actors? It's a documentary.

Nutshell: A chronicle of surfing, not stereotypes

"It's all about the one big wave."

This somewhat stereotypical surfer quotation is from the new surfing documentary *Riding Giants*. Luckily for the viewer, this quotation is one of the few stereotypical things about this highly enjoyable and informative film.

It is obvious that the film's writer/director, Stacy Peralta, is deeply in love with surfing and the culture behind it. Through a vast array of real-time surfing images, a bit of history, and a huge series of interviews with both the pioneers of surfing and with today's top surfers, the filmmaker is able to paint a coherent and colourful history of surfing: from its origins in 19th century Hawaii to the multi-billion dollar industry it is today.

The film presents surfing as a series of plateaus: the search for the next hot surfing spot, the next big wave, the next big innovation in surfing. In other words, much like the waves that surfers chase so avidly, the sport is constantly evolving and growing.

"The film presents surfing as a series of plateaus: the search for the next hot surfing spot, the next big wave, the next big innovation."

Yet, as the film so vividly illustrates with archive footage and with numerous interviews, surfing started out as much more than a sport. It was a way of life for the pioneers of surfing. Sleeping 10 to a room in tiny

hovels on the beaches of the North Shore of Hawaii, about two dozen men used surfing as a way of rebelling against the mainstream. There were no marketing deals, no video games named after them, just a bunch of friends dedicated to catching the next big one.

One of the most memorable stories of the film centres on Greg Noll, regarded as the father of big-wave surfing. During a horrific storm that battered the beaches of Hawaii with epic waves, Noll caught what some say was the biggest wave in recorded history. There were no cameras or videotapes of this death-defying stunt, only a cluster of amazed surfers standing on the roofs of their cars watching this tiny figure ascend up a towering pitch-black mass of fast moving water. His simple explanation: "I would have regretted it for the rest of my life if I hadn't tried to do it."

Surfers do acknowledge that it was Hollywood's influence that was responsible for the explosion in surfing.

The film moves on to show some hilarious footage of Hollywood actors set against a painfully fake blue screen wave trying to realistically pretend to surf. The wave of Hollywood film during the early '60s trying to capitalize on the sudden upsurge in surfing's popularity evoked complete and utter disgust within the surfing community. Yet as much as they despised the stereotypes regarding surfers, they do acknowledge that it was Hollywood's influence that was responsible for the explosion in surfing. What was a close-knit group of 200 or so surfers skyrocketed to over two million in a short span of years.

The film, by comparing and contrasting the Hollywood image of surfers to the real surfers, completely trashes the surfer stereotypes. Yes, they did live on the beach, and yes, they were employed only to the sea, but they are not uneducated stoner types who say 'dude' and 'gnarly' constantly. Only three times in

the film was the word 'gnarly' used. Rather, surfers take themselves and surfing very seriously. Surfing is more than a sport, or even a way of life to them. It's a religion. They are completely aware that the next wave could be their last. They use this knowledge to motivate themselves and push themselves onto the next adrenaline rush. The thin line between life and death is shown during some harrowing accounts of near death, and, in a surprisingly touching sequence, the unexpected death of a surfing legend during a routine wave. The image of two dozen surfers, bobbing gently on their surfboards, lit by the setting sun, paying tribute to their fallen friend is the most poignant image of the movie.

Peralta could have easily overused the breathtaking shots of lone figures climbing six-story waves and then being sucked down under the crest, or 'the barrel' of the wave and made a glorified surfing commercial, but by using the numerous interviews as a way of humanizing the surfers and throwing in some fascinating historical facts, the film becomes much more than that. The only complaint I have with the film is the soundtrack. You would expect such a high-energy film to have an equally high-energy soundtrack, but most of the music is laid-back Hawaiian beach tunes. Some of the music doesn't quite suit the images being shown. But other than that, *Riding Giants* is a truly exciting and adrenaline-pumping film that makes you want to go out and surf.

Cord Arts Poetry Contest!

Have your poetry arbitrarily judged by people at Student Publications and win a prize that our budget can afford!

Top five submissions printed in *The Cord*!

One submission per person!

Send submissions to:
cord@wlusp.com

Deadline for submissions is November 24, 2004!



What's the deal with this kitty-cat!?! Seriously, what's the deal?

HERO
HERO PLAYS
OCT 20 & 21 - 9:30 PM

ZATOICHI
Zatoichi plays Oct 16 at 1:30pm and Oct 17 at 9:20pm

SAMSARA
A monk must choose between spiritual enlightenment and the desires of the flesh...
Rated 14A. Oct 15 - 21 ONE WEEK!
www.princesscinema.com 6 Princess Street West • 885-2950
Located in Uptown Waterloo

Did you know about your vision coverage???

Call us for details



Check out our Sunglasses Centre

UNIVERSITY VISION CENTRE
725-8999

Buy ONE Get ONE FREE!
EYEGLASSES OR CONTACTS

Buy one complete pair of eyeglasses or soft contact lenses at regular price, and get a second pair FREE.

Same Day Eye Exam Available

One Hour service on most glasses and contact lenses.

150 University Ave. W.
Campus Court Plaza,
(corner of Philip and University)

Expires: November 13, 2004

T & A TEAM
presents...

XXX HYPNOTIST
TONY LEE
Monday Oct. 25

tickets
\$7 wlu students
\$8.50 guest
tix @ c-spot

- Across:
1. Small, high-pitched flute

4. Where Simple Plan is from

11. Part of the mind, like the Id

12. Numeric representation of nothing

13. Drives the bus on *the Simpsons*

14. *Thinks* synonym

16. ___ Alto, Calif. city

17. Triage, abbr.

18. Large monkey

19. express distaste, by Shakespeare

21. Part of a kitchen range

23. Audi vehicle model

25. Sewer rodent

27. Rapid Incident Response abbr.

28. to go somewhere on vacation

30. ___ Transit

31. to chew and swallow food

32. Ukulele shortform

33. Used to record voices

35. a maneuver

38. fiendish plot of dr. fu-___

41. ___-oh

42. Tartan pattern

43. military rifle abbr.

44. Los Angeles

46. Mean, Median, & ___

47. Done with a knife

49. ___ garde

50. Famous outdoorsman

51. what film is stored on

52. northern bard
- down:
1. excrement

2. Frankenstein's assistant

3. thick mist of water vapor

4. falling or shooting star

5. unprocessed metal

6. Vampire species

7. A flexible heavy cord

8. Estimated Time of Arrival

9. Atlanta

10. a closed circuit

12. ___ Branigan, of Futurama

15. having to do with boats

20. not out

22. to strive for victory

23. you can't handle the ___

24. stone image of a Polynesian god

25. Dodge ___ 1500

26. person who hustles, 2 wrds.

29. chest muscle

34. an heir

35. character indicator

39. to have a name given

40. Harddrive abbr.

44. what highways are divided into

45. who Cain slew

48. Five per foot

51. Avians

Like Simple Plan? The first people to submit a correctly completed crossword from this week wins two tickets to the Simple Plan concert at Elements Nightclub on October 19th. Do it fast, ticket supplies are limited!

Last week's answers!

	1		2		3		4		5		6			
	F		B		D		M		P		A			
7	S	A	G	A		8	O	B	I	T	U	A	R	Y
		L		S			Z		D		R		B	
9	F	L	E	E	C	E		10	T	O	R	P	O	R
				B		N		E					R	
11	A	L	T	A	R		13	W	R	I	T	T	E	N
		A		L		15	A		M		A		A	
16	O	B	E	L	I	S	K		17	A	P	P	L	E
		R				S		18	A		D			
19	G	A	M	E	R	A		21	D	I	A	D	E	M
		D		N		U					N		R	
23	C	O	N	V	U	L	S	E		24	C	L	O	T
		R		Y		T		R		E		S		

Today's Crossword

1	2	3		4	5	6		7	8	9	10
11				12				13			
14			15					16			
17			18			19	20				
					21	22			23	24	
	25	26			27			28			29
30					31			32			
	33				34		35		36		
37		38		39		40		41			
		42						43		44	45
				46				47	48		
				49				50			
52								51			

This Week: Salmonella Thanksgiving

By Pete Cram

1. I am getting out of this damn oven. I'm not getting f'd'n' eaten tonight!

2. The turkey's escaped from the oven!

3. Get the f'd'n' Winchester, Margaret!

4. Hey, just wait! You don't have a head, or a heart and you're filled with stuffag!

5. And that was the Thanksgiving where everyone ate uncooked turkey!

6. THE END

Student Publications Is Hiring For:

Corporate Secretary Advertising Administration Assistant

Applications due Friday October 22
Details and Job Description available at the WLUSP office
(Basement of Mac House)

ONE CARD Waterloo TAXI

886 - 1200

Anywhere, Anytime for people or parcels
Airport services
Fast & Courteous Services

ROXXANNE'S ADULT ENTERTAINMENT

...where it's all about talent!

MONDAY AMATEUR STRIP NIGHT
1st Prize \$1000 CASH!

EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT
WET T-SHIRT CONTEST
\$875 IN CASH PRIZES

LADIES NEVER PAY A COVER
KING STREET NORTH WATERLOO AT NORTHFIELD
Tel: 886-7565

FOR SALE

BUY YOUR PRINTER A DRINK!
Ink Jet cartridges - Hi Quality, Low prices.
100% print quality guarantee, 100% money
back - no hassle guarantee. Free delivery.
Call or email us for a quote - Value Ink Jet
519-571-3284/bmacpherson@valueinkjet.ca

EMPLOYMENT

Now Hiring
Kitchen staff for Mel's Diner. Please apply
with resume 140 University Avenue West
next to Loose Change Louis. Competitive
wages.

Adventure!
Teach english overseas. Jobs \$\$ guar.
TESOL certified, 5 days in class, online cor-
respondence. FREE info pack. 1-888-270-
2941. globaltesol.com

Earn Money!
Value Ink Jet needs a sale person to take
orders for Hi Quality low-priced ink jet
cartridges. Call Value Ink Jet for details. 519-
571-3284

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer with the Friends Program
Volunteer a few hours weekly during the
school day and make a life-long difference to
a child. Volunteers are matched by the
Canadian Mental Health Association with
children who need additional support at
school. FRIENDS operates in partnership

with local schoolboards and helps children 4
to 15 years. Call 744-7645 ext. 317

LOST

Lost between Sept. 20-22
Navy-blue jacket of sentimental value with
tan lining and embroidery "Woodlands
Music, England 2004" and Canadian flag
embroidered at back of neck. If found, please
call 883-9113.

PERSONALS

P'duction hollas at:
Everyone that pulled it together for this rag-

tag issue, the mayor of Kitchener for looking
Grand Chancellor-esque, Rames for putting
in some hard time after mid-terms, Ananthan
for the stubbornness, Sydney for being
patient, Sarah for whoroscopes and the
Hawk list we didn't use, Janet for being the
Cord Jill of all Trades, Caitlin for squirrel tail
telling story, Bev for being a hol loan shark,
Bryn for drinking delicious French coffee,
nicknaming 'pril and being a controversy
cow, 'pril for threatening to cuff me and box
my ears for getting lippy, Leo for the tracksuit
and E-loke hospitality, my confidante for a
much needed production break conversa-
tion, my Pops for a great service and T'giving
dinner, Mickey Blue Eyes for stayin' alive,
Common Sense, Cee-Lo, and Talib for his

rib-sticking lyrics. 14.5 hours, not bad...I'm
out! - The Notorious B.S.C.

Notes from a very tired EIC...

It's hour ohh indeterminate, and well there
are still miles to go, i have time for regular
thanks - big ups to production jammed into
very few hours and thanks to all the new
recruits, also great thanks to the copy editing
team (there are so many of you), Cote done
again (well done), Shinn for Sports-extend-
ed, Carly for staying late, Stefan for the huge
frozen yog, Michelle for a pretty nifty feature,
April and Fraser for more great work, thanks
to Fraser for calling everyone and their mom
and "selling tires", Jenn for noting my match-
ingness (and a fun section), Bill from Rogers,

Cait, Wade, Nolan for the hilarious quotes,
Bryn for working his damn ass off again (i
heart you), Greg - kelly and i missed you this
week, dishwashers that work, Oktoberfest
Parade Marshalls, "what's that bear?",
Friday Night Lights and Tim McGraw, the
"brisk" weather, Pete Cram, Greg for more IT
help, Angela for her rather amusing weekend
and the coffee, firefighters and policemen for
being cute, Kam and Adam for making me
laugh and cleaning, HMV for allowing me to
purchase Love Actually and Bridget Jones all
in one day, Ma and Pa H-lef, Time (sorry i
missed the concert Miss Howlett), Mike for
dinner, and of course, John Mayer (check) -
high fives and finger fives all around - CH.

A MARKET RESEARCH company is hiring telephone
recruiters. You will be required to recruit respondents for
focus groups and complete telephone surveys.
NO SALES EVER!!!
Please e-mail your resume to mike@metroline.ca
We are also looking for people to participate in
market research studies. You are PAID for your time and
opinion. Please call 584-7700, ext: 3050



ATTENTION LADIES!!!

EVERY THURSDAY AT
33° NORTH NIGHTCLUB
8pm - 2am

MALE STRIPPERS

[Clip ad for free admission]

1271 Victoria ST N Kitchener 578 - 7205



YOUR HALLOWEEN HEADQUARTERS



CREATE YOUR
OWN COSTUMES
FOR LESS



1348 Weber St.E. Kitchener 894-0628
52 Main Street Cambridge 620-9719

Canada Computers

www.canadacomputers.com

your neighbourhood computer store

BEST DEALS ON BACK TO SCHOOL COMPUTER NEEDS

Lanparty System Special
Assembly Fee Included

- Intel Pentium 4
- Intel Extreme 3.0E
- DFI Lanparty PR08/5B
- ASUS Radeon 9550 128MB Video Card
- Liteon 52X CDRW / 16X DVDROM Combo
- WD 80GB 7200RPM W/8MB Cache
- B319 Midtower w/350watt PS
- Kingmax 512MB DDR400
- 1.44MB Floppy Drive
- UV Black Light

\$879.99

ASUS M5N Centrino Laptop
Free Carrying Case

- Intel Centrino 1.5GHz w/2MB Cache
- 1.66GHz DDR RAM, 40GB Hard Drive
- 13.3" TFT Display, 1.5" LCD
- CD/DVD Combo Drive
- Built in 4-in-1 card reader
- Wireless-G Network
- IEEE 1394, 10/100 USB 2.0

\$1498.99

ASUS Z91N Laptop
Free Carrying Case

- Intel Pentium 4
- CD/DVD/40GB Combo
- USB 2.0, IEEE 1394
- 13.3" LCD, wireless-G
- Built in 4-in-1 memory card reader
- Rechargeable Li-ion battery

\$1548.99

Student Upgrade Special
Assembly Fee Included

- AMD Sempron 2400+
- ASUS A7V400-MX
- Mid Tower ATX Case
- Kingmax 512MB DDR400

\$297.99

BenQ Mail-in Rebate

BenQ FP757/SB 17" LCD

\$378.99

*after \$50 mail-in-rebate

\$50 Mail-in Rebate on most BenQ LCDs

FP567, FP757, FP767, FP992, FP931

Samsung 710V/713V 17" LCD

- Contrast ratio: 500:1
- Brightness: 250 cd/m²
- Response time: 25ms

\$444.99

LG L1710S/L1710SK 17" LCD

- Contrast ratio: 550:1
- Response time: 15 ms
- Available in Black or Silver

\$418.99

17" Flat CRT Monitor Refurb.

\$61.99

Epson Stylus CX5400 Multifunction Printer

\$152.99

Epson Stylus Photo R300 Printer

• PC and Mac compatible

\$189.99

*after \$25 mail-in-rebate

Lexmark Z33 Color Printer

\$39.99

Seagate 40GB 7200rpm Hard Drive

\$67.99

Microsoft Wireless Networking

MN-620 Wireless-B Notebook Kit

802.11g Router & PCMCIA Card

\$44.99

MN-820 Wireless-G Notebook Kit

802.11g Router & PCMCIA Card

Refurbished
90 days warranty

\$68.99

MN-730 Wireless-G PCI Card

802.11g PCI Card

Refurbished
90 days warranty

\$29.99

MN-700 Wireless-G Router

802.11g Router

Refurbished
90 days warranty

\$44.99

OCZ 512MB DDR400 Value Series Ram

• PC-3200

Life time warranty

\$114.99

ATI All-in-Wonder 9800PRO 128MB

\$348.99

Logitech X-220 2.1 Speakers

90 days warranty

\$29.99

MP10 FL100 256MB MP3 Player

\$149.99

Kingmax 256MB SD Card

Support SD & SFI mode
256MB

\$43.99

D-Link Wired/Wireless Routers

DI-514

2.4GHz wireless
802.11b router w/ 4-port switch

\$64.99

DI-524

2.4GHz wireless
802.11g router w/ 4-port switch

\$86.99

DI-624

2.4GHz XtremeG wireless router

\$98.99

DI-604

4-port broadband router

\$41.99

Logitech Quickcam Messenger

OEM

\$29.99

Logitech Cordless Click! Plus Optical Mouse

after \$20 mail-in-rebate

\$9.99

MS Wireless Optical Desktop Pro/SE

\$49.99

ATP Compact Flash Pro Card 145K1

256MB **\$48.99**
512MB **\$88.99**
1GB (60x) **\$148.99**

Apacer HT202 USB2.0 Drive

128MB **\$28.99**
256MB **\$44.99**
512MB **\$74.99**
1GB **\$132.99**

Linksys Wireless-G Networking

WRT54G

Wireless-G Broadband Router

\$83.99

WMP54G

Wireless-G PCI Adapter

\$65.99

WPO54G

Wireless-G Notebook Adapter

\$65.99

WUS54G

Wireless-G USB Network Adapter

\$64.99

Aopen DUW 1608/ARR

DL Dual Layer DVD ReWriter

16x DVD+R/RW DVD-R
24X DVD-R

\$97.99

Kingston Secure Digital Card 128MB

\$24.99

Canon CanoScan LIDE 30

USB (Refurbished)

\$69.99

Microsoft Sidewinder Gamepad

\$6.99

Labtec Axis-002 Stereo Headset

\$10.99



KOREAN PENINSULA PEACE FORUM

Peace on the Korean Peninsula is one of the most significant steps to achieve world peace. Is it an overstatement? Perhaps not. Then, what do we need to achieve peace on the Korean Peninsula? Is it even possible or just a residue from the Cold War to stay with us? In our hope to discover new ideas and solutions, we are pleased to host this Forum, the first-ever full-day peace forum focused on the Korean Peninsula held in North America.

This Forum is your best opportunity to meet and listen to the world-renowned experts about issues surrounding both Koreas and the contentious, current situations with historic perspectives.

PROPOSED AGENDA

8:00 a.m. Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony
9:30 - 11:45 a.m. Workshop
TOPIC 1: The U.S. Korea Policy - Its History and Outlook.
TOPIC 2: North Korea Nuclear Crisis and New Strategies in the Age of Security.
12:00 - 1:45 p.m. Luncheon with Speaker
2:00 - 4:30 p.m. Workshop

TOPIC 3: Food Security in North Korea and its Economic Outlook
TOPIC 4: The Best Possible Way of Integrating North Korea into the World Community.
TOPIC 5: Canada's Most Desirable Role.
4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Conclusion
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Cocktails
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 - 8:00 p.m. Keynote Speech
8:00 - 11:00 p.m. Socials



DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS & PANELISTS:

PROF. BRUCE CUMINGS - One of the best known Korean experts and author of *The Origins of the Korean War*.

JIM CORNELIUS - Executive Director of Canadian Foodgrains Bank and a respected expert on Food Security in North Korea.

PROF. PAUL EVANS - Director of the program for Canada-Asia Policy studies, Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia.

HON. DONALD P. GREGG - Former U.S. ambassador to South Korea and President and Chairperson of the Board of The Korea Society.

SELIG HARRISON - Long-time analyst of U.S.-Korean relations and author of *Endgame in Korea*.

PROF. DAVID KANG - Associate Professor of Government, Dartmouth College and author of *Nuclear North Korea: A Debate on Engagement Strategies*.

PROF. HAN PARK - Political Scientist and has written on North Korea ideology.

PROF. SOO BIN PARK - Economist who has done an in-depth study on North Korean economy and its outlook.

DR. KENNETH QUINONES - Former State Dept. Official with expertise in nuclear weapon issues and North Korea.

HON. MAURICE STRONG - World-renowned Canadian diplomat and industrialist who is an UN Under-secretary General and special envoy to North Korea.

SENATOR LOIS WILSON - The first woman moderator of the United Church of Canada, who has the long and distinguished record with the voluntary sector on social, religious issues, headed the Canadian government delegation to North Korea in 2001.

... with more to come ...

OPEN YOUR HEART TO NORTH KOREAN CHILDREN

North Korea has been hit with a deadly famine, which may be the worst famine to hit anywhere since World War II. Crops have been damaged by hail in 1994, by unprecedented floods in 1995 and 1996, and by drought and Typhoon Winnie in 1997. Millions of North Koreans are estimated to have already perished from starvation.

The young and the old are particularly susceptible. As many as 10,000 children a month were dying according to German Red Cross in 1997. We are deeply saddened that children of North Korea are dying as a result of massive food shortages. We would like to assist those starving children to prevent further tragedy.

Instead of registration fee, we would like to ask you to make generous donation (no less than \$100.00 per person) towards the funds for food and medical supplies for North Korean children. Please open your heart and give generously. Please make your donation cheque payable to "Canadian Foodgrains Bank" and you will receive a tax receipt.

We thank you for your generous donation and kind consideration for North Korean children.

REGISTRATION FORM for Peace Forum

☐ Breakfast 8:00 a.m.
☐ Morning Workshop 9:30 a.m.
☐ Luncheon 12:00 noon
☐ Afternoon Workshop 2:00 p.m.
☐ Reception and Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Accommodations:

☐ Night of November 18, 2004
☐ Night of November 19, 2004

Name: _____
Address: _____
Tel: _____
Email: _____

Please check appropriate boxes:

☐ Put me on your mailing list
☐ Send me publication of this Forum
☐ Send me the publication from ACDPU
☐ Send me email for future ACDPU events

All registration is for one individual only. If you wish for another person to attend, please fill out additional registration form. No ticket is guaranteed unless received by October 15th, 2004.

This is on a first come first served basis. Please send registration form to:

ACDPU - Canada East Chapter
401 - 2 Forest Laneway
Toronto, ON, Canada M2N 5X7

Tel: (416) 221-8934 Fax: (416) 221-226-0375
Email: canox@hanmail.net

Korean Peninsula Peace Forum
Your best opportunity to Learn and Explore Korean Peninsula Peace

November 19th, 2004
The Westin Prince Hotel
900 York Mills Road
Toronto, Ontario, Canada